

87th Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Agenda for Wednesday, January 29th, 2020 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

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.

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

The Senate will receive communications addressed to the Senate and, if necessary, refer each to the appropriate committee. No action will be taken on communications other than referring them to committee unless placed on the fast-track agenda.

- a. Nomination of Taylor Metz to the Office of Associate Justice

7. REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS

The Speaker shall recognize any senior officer of the Association, including the Secretary, to offer a report on his or her official activities since the previous meeting and make any summary announcements he or she deems necessary for no longer than five minutes.

- a. President of the Associated Students, Anthony Martinez
- b. Vice President of the Associated Students, Nicole Flangas
- c. Chief of Staff, Austin Brown
- d. Director of Clubs and Organizations, Davis Florence
- e. Director Event Programming, Gabrielle Lew
- f. Director of Legislative Affairs, Joko Callies
- g. Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Ayanna Releford
- h. Director of Sustainability, Zachary Green
- i. Director of Campus and Public Relations, Kristen de Guzman
- j. Director of Campus Wellness, Claudia Feil
- k. Attorney General, Omar Moore
- l. Chief Justice, Payton Hart

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m. Speaker of the Senate, Savannah Hughes

8. 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

9. 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.

8. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK APPOINTMENTS

The motion to fast track a resolution or appointment confirmation shall be in order if recommended by the committee of relevant jurisdiction.

- a. **NOMINATION OF TAYLOR METZ TO THE OFFICE OF ASSOCIATE JUSTICE**

9. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS OF SENATORS AND ASUN OFFICIALS

The Senate will consider the following nominations for Association office. When the Senate has concluded its deliberations, the Senate may approve the nomination, reject the nomination, or take no action upon the nomination.

- a. **NOMINATION OF TAYLOR METZ TO THE OFFICE OF ASSOCIATE JUSTICE.** The Senate will consider the above-named nomination to Association office. The Senate may consider the character, professional competence, physical or mental health, or other matters permissible under NRS 241.033 during consideration of this item. Under NRS 241.031, the meeting may not be closed. When the Senate has concluded its deliberations, they may approve the nomination, reject the nomination, or take no action

10. 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 in Support of the Victims of Crime Treatment Center
- b. S.B. 87- A Bill to Amend Chapter 205 of the Statutes of the Associated Students
- c. S.B.R. 87- A Binding Resolution to Amend Outreach Hours

- d. S.B. 87- An Act to Amend the Constitution of the Associated Students to Replace all Gender Pronouns with Position Title

11. MOTION TO FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION

A senate may move that legislation under item 9 of this agenda be considered at this meeting. Such a motion shall only be in order provided that a one-day notice has been given to the speaker. The motion shall be decided without debate, and shall require the consent of a two-thirds majority of the senate.

- a. S.R. 87- A Resolution in Support of the Victims of Crime Treatment Center

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 in Support of the Victims of Crime Treatment Center
- b. S.B. 87- A Bill to Amend Chapter 205 of the Statutes of the Associated Students
- c. S.B.R. 87- A Binding Resolution to Amend Outreach Hours
- d. S.B. 87- An Act to Amend the Constitution of the Associated Students to Replace all Gender Pronouns with Position Title

13. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

a. Senator Reports and Progress Tracker

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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FROM: Payton Hart, Chief Justice of Judicial Council

TO: The 87th Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

DATE: January 23, 2020

RE: Nomination of Taylor Metz to the Office of Associate Justice

To the Senate of the Associated Students:

I hereby nominate Taylor Metz to the office of Associate Justice.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Payton Hart". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Payton Hart
Chief Justice of Judicial Council
The Associated Students of the University of Nevada



From: Victoria Supple, Senator for the College of Liberal Arts
To: Speaker Hughes
Date: January 22, 2020
RE: S.R. 87 – A Resolution in Support of The Victims of Crime Treatment Center

Hello Speaker Hughes,

This piece of legislation is regarding the application to renew funding for the Victims of Crime Treatment Center. The hearing for their funding application will be heard on February 3rd, and the support from ASUN is vital to the approval of these funds. In order to have written support for the Victims of Crime Treatment Center, I ask that this resolution be fast tracked.

Respectfully,
Victoria Supple
Senator Supple, Senator for the College of Liberal Arts 87th Senate Session
Associated Students of the University of Nevada

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

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2019-2020

S. R. 87-
A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE
VICTIMS OF CRIME TREATMENT CENTER

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

JANUARY 22ND, 2020

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR SUPPLE TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

A Resolution in Support of The Victims of Crime Treatment Center

1 *Whereas*, the Victims of Crime Treatment Center is a resource on campus providing support to
2 help heal victims of crime;

3 *Whereas*, The Victims of Crime Treatment Center provides free behavioral health care to victims
4 of sexual assault, child abuse and neglect, domestic violence, and physical assault;

5 *Whereas*, the 87th session of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada have
6 designated sexual assault prevention and safety as legislative priorities¹;

7 *Whereas*, the state of Nevada is ranked fifty-first (51) in the nation in mental health²;

¹ http://de5u0yfu98nbk.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/04122232/87-78_S.Res_AResolutionInSupportOfLegislativePriorities.pdf

² <https://www.mhanational.org/issues/ranking-states>

1 *Whereas*, the Victims of Crime Treatment Center is currently supported by the Federal
2 Department of Victims Crime Grant to the State of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services³;

3 *Whereas*, The Victims of Crime Treatment Center is required to apply a new grant for
4 funding;

5 *Whereas*, the 87th session of ASUN has passed legislation supporting programs that work
6 towards improving the mental health of the state through counseling⁴ and have also voted in favor of
7 legislation funding counseling services at the University of Nevada⁵;

8 *Be it Resolved*, the Associated Students of the University of Nevada support Addendum A.

³ <https://external.ojp.usdoj.gov/selector/awardDetail?awardNumber=2016-VA-GX-0076&fiscalYear=2016&applicationNumber=2016-40331-NV-VA&programOffice=OVC&po=All>

⁴ http://de5u0yfu98nbk.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/21172702/87-93_S.Res_AResolutionInSupportOfTheCreationOfExitCounselingForGraduatingStudents.pdf

⁵ http://de5u0yfu98nbk.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/11105839/87-81_S.Res_AResolutionInSupportOfTheCounselingServicesFeeIncrease.pdf

Lorraine T. Benuto, Ph.D.
Department of Psychology/296
University of Nevada, Reno
Reno, NV 89557

Re: VOCA Grant Application

Dear Dr. Benuto:

I am happy to submit this letter of support for the UNR Victims of Crime Treatment Center in their application for grant funding. My organization, the Associated Students of the University of Nevada, encounters many individuals who have been victims of assault, sexual abuse, rape, and domestic violence and therefore require comprehensive psychological services. Unfortunately, in the Reno area, there is a dearth of appropriate and inexpensive/free referral options for crime victims. This is particularly true for victims in need of individual counseling. Thus, I write this letter in full support of your grant application!

Sincerely,

The Associated Students of the University of Nevada

87th SESSION
2019-2020

S. BILL. 87-

A Bill to Amend Chapter 205 of the Statues of the Associated Students

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

DECEMBER 4, 2019

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR COCANOUR TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

A Bill

To Amend Title II, Chapter 204 of the Statues of the Associated Students

1 *Whereas*, Title II, Chapter 204 of the S.A.S outlines the appointment and job duties of the
2 Director of Public and Campus Relations;

3 *Whereas*, Section 03, subsection i, currently reads “To be responsible for all operations of
4 the Best of Reno Campaign including, but not limited to, corresponding with affiliated partners,
5 surveying students, and distributing awards to the selected businesses.”

6 *Whereas*, The “Best of Reno” campaign is copyrighted by another Nevada business;

7 *Whereas*, The Reno’s Best campaign conveys the same message and does not infringe upon
8 any copy right;

9 *Be it enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students*, The “Best of Reno” campaign
10 shall now be known as “The Reno’s Best campaign”;

- 1 *Be it further enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students, the Statutes of the*
- 2 *Associated Students (SAS) reflect Addendum A.*

Addendum A**SECTION 03: DUTIES**

1. The duties of the Director of Public and Campus Relations are as follows:
 - a. To form focus groups and committees at the President's request to collect student concern on local, national, and campus issues. The committee shall be composed of, but not limited to, students, faculty, and community leaders.
 - b. To focus on increasing the visibility of the Association in the greater campus, local, state, and national communities.
 - c. To draft media releases for the Association with approval from the President.
 - d. Produce multimedia-content to release weekly updates to the students about ASUN including but not limited to new initiatives, allocations of funds, passed legislation, and upcoming events.
 - e. To provide a vision statement and blueprint for Inkblot to provide for consistency in branding, messaging and design of ASUN by meeting weekly with the Creative Director of Inkblot to assess the progress of brand management and ensure the brand and its message is relevant.
 - f. To 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, Director of Programming, or Attorney General to act as President.
 - g. To advise the Senate regarding the efficacy of its outreach efforts.
 - h. To have a report read or spoken into record at minimum every other Senate meeting.
 - i. To be responsible for all operations of the ~~Best of Reno Campaign~~ **Reno's Best Campaign** including, but not limited to, corresponding with affiliated partners, surveying students, and distributing awards to the selected businesses.
 - j. To cross-promote relevant content between the Association's digital media platforms including but not limited to newsletters, blog posts, and social media.

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**S. B. R. 87-
A BINDING RESOLUTION TO
AMEND OUTREACH HOURS**

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

JANUARY 13TH 2020

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR HARVEY AND SENATOR SUPPLE
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

A Binding Resolution to Amend Outreach Hours

1 *Whereas*, each senator for the Associated Students of the University of Nevada is required to
2 conduct a minimum of four outreach hours in a two week period¹

3 *Whereas*, outreach is defined as “speaking with or to individuals, groups, or any other
4 organizations within the ASUN constituency and gaining student feedback, volunteering on behalf of
5 ASUN in the senate capacity, and/or writing legislation to affect change in ASUN”¹;

6 *Whereas*, the current rules of the senate allow for open interpretation of outreach hours and
7 thus inconsistency and confusion in the conduction of outreach hours;

¹ 87th Session Rules of the Senate: <http://de5u0yfu98nbk.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/30183501/87SenateRules.pdf>

1 *Whereas*, outreach hours should be measured by both quantitative (measurable) and
2 qualitative outreach;

3 *Whereas*, time spent representing ASUN and time spent meeting with administration, faculty,
4 and constituents are both valuable forms of outreach;

5 *Whereas*, outreach should be a reflection of time spent with constituents and learning
6 valuable information to create and/or further legislation and/or projects;

7 *Whereas*, redefining outreach interactions for senators will alleviate confusion in conducting
8 and logging outreach;

9 *Be it enacted*, the Senate Rules for the 87th Session reflect the changes in Addendum A;

10 *Be it further enacted*, this binding resolution be sent to the senate secretary.

Rule II: MEMBERSHIP OF THE SENATE

g) OUTREACH HOURS

1) Each Senator must hold at least four (4) separate outreach-hours in total, every two-week period and shall be reported to and determined by the Speaker of the Senate.

2) Outreach is defined as hours are composed of “hours of service” and/or “interactions”. This includes but is not limited to: speaking with or to individuals, groups, or any other organizations within the ASUN constituency and gaining student feedback, volunteering on behalf of ASUN in some capacity, and/or writing legislation to affect change in ASUN.

~~Each of the following will be counted as a 30 or 1 hour interaction for outreach:~~

- ~~a) Meeting face to face with individuals or groups (i.e. student advisory boards) part of the ASUN constituency to discuss current policies and programs and gain student feedback.~~
- ~~b) Speaking at a club, class, or event about ASUN, current ASUN policies and programs, and gaining specific student feedback. (Note: giving announcements in classes or at clubs does not equal a 1 hour outreach interaction.)~~
- ~~c) Meeting with faculty, staff or community members to discuss current ASUN policies and projects and both provide student feedback and gain institution and city feedback for those projects and policies.~~
- ~~d) Sitting on a campus committee, giving ASUN input and gaining specific feedback about the campus and students.~~
- ~~e) Community service on behalf of ASUN or with some part of the ASUN constituency.~~
- ~~f) Volunteering for an ASUN sponsored event on campus or in the community.~~
- ~~g) Writing legislation to affect change in ASUN and in our community, state, and country.~~
- ~~h) The Speaker of the Senate and/or the Secretary of the Senate must be notified of anything other than items a) through g) completed for outreach; the Speaker and the Secretary reserve the right to approve or deny any other outreach interactions.~~

~~The following will be counted as a 2-hour interactions for outreach:~~

- ~~i) For facilitating a Deliberative Dialogue for either ASUN or the Center for Student Engagement and/or attending the outreach events for constituents planned by the Committee on Civic Engagement every other month.~~

3) Outreach will be conducted as follows from one of the following options:

- i. 4 hours of service
- ii. Meeting with faculty, staff, or community members (each individual meeting limited to one hour of service)
- iii. Volunteering at a community service event (each individual event limited to one hour of service)
- iv. Volunteering at any ASUN sponsored event (each individual event limited to one hour of service)
- v. Sitting on a campus committee (this does include not mandatory senate committees) (each individual meeting limited to one hour of service)
- vi. Writing legislation (each individual piece of legislation limited to one hour of service)
- vii. Facilitating a deliberative dialogue for ASUN or CSE (i.e. Community Howl) (each individual facilitation limited to one hour of service)
- viii. Attending the student advisory board meeting (each individual meeting limited to one hour of service)
- ix. Any other quantifiable outreach up to the discretion of the speaker
- a. 8 interactions
 - i. Meeting face to face with individuals or groups

- ii. Speaking at a club, class, or event (giving announcements does not equal an interaction, the senator must engage in conversation and receive feedback)
 - iii. Any other qualitative outreach up to the discretion of the speaker
 - b. A mix of hours of service and interactions totaling four outreach hours
 - .In this option, one interaction will be equivalent to 30 minutes, regardless of the time of the interaction(s), to reach a total of 4 outreach hours in total
- i. EXAMPLE: Senator X has 4 separate interactions with constituents (which constitutes as 2 outreach hours) and also volunteers at two different community service events for 1 service hour each to equal a total of 4 outreach hours in a two week period.

3) Each Senator will document and total outreach interactions within each two-week pay period. The Senate Secretary shall maintain a list of each Senator's outreach interactions.

4) Each Senator will give, at the discretion of the speaker, a report on the student feedback gained from their outreach interactions at the Senate table.

5) Whenever a Senator accumulates six hours' worth of absences from their outreach hours, it shall be counted as one Senate absence to be reviewed by the Committee on Oversight in the same manner as in the case of absences from meetings as provided in Rule (2) subsection (f). (Note: 1 missed hour = 1/3 point)

6) Missed or denied outreach may be excused or appealed upon the petition of the Speaker of the Senate. Senators may petition the Speaker of the Senate by e-mailing the Speaker to request an excuse for missed outreach or to ask for approval of items not defined in a) through g) within one week of the missed requirement. The Speaker shall review all petitions on a case-by-case basis.

7) In the case of holidays, emergencies, or actions that result in facility closures, the Speaker of the Senate may decrease the number of outreach interactions needed within a given period.

Addendum B

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

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2019-2020

S. B. 87-
An Act to Amend the Constitution
of the Associated Students to
Replace All Gender Pronouns
with Position Title

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

JANUARY 23RD, 2020

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR HARVEY AND SENATOR SIVAKUMAR
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

A Bill
An Act to Amend the Constitution to Replace
All Gender Pronouns with Position Title

1 *Whereas*, “A pronoun is defined as a word or phrase that is used as a substitution for a noun
2 or noun phrase”¹;

3 *Whereas*, personal pronouns, such as I, he, she, they, we, etc., are one type of commonly used
4 pronouns and are “associated with a certain person, thing, or group”¹;

¹ Definition of pronoun: <https://www.gingersoftware.com/content/grammar-rules/pronouns-2/>

1 *Whereas*, pronouns are not all-inclusive and, in their use, often exclude gender-
2 nonconforming persons, transgender persons, and non-binary persons;

3 *Whereas*, a gender-nonconforming individual is defined as a person whose behavior or
4 appearance does not conform to prevailing cultural and societal expectations about what appropriate
5 gender is²;

6 *Whereas*, nonbinary is a term “often used to describe people whose gender is not exclusively
7 male or female, including those who identify with a gender other than male or female, as more than
8 one gender, or as no gender”³

9 *Whereas*, the Constitution of ASUN currently uses he, she, and they to refer to members of the
10 association⁴;

11 *Whereas*, using specific pronouns in the constitution may imply that only individuals who
12 identify with those pronouns should be a member of the ASUN or hold office;

13 *Whereas*, the NSHE non-discrimination policy states “The Nevada System of Higher
14 Education (NSHE) is committed to providing a place of work and learning free of discrimination on
15 the basis of a person's age, disability, whether actual or perceived by others (including service-
16 connected disabilities), gender (including pregnancy related conditions), military status or military
17 obligations, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, genetic information, national origin,
18 race, color, or religion”⁵;

19 *Whereas*, states such as Michigan, Utah, New York, and Rhode Island are in the process, or have
20 completed the process, of amending the state constitution to be gender-neutral⁶;

21 *Whereas*, the University of Nevada, Reno should make necessary arrangements to promote
22 gender equity and provide for a more inclusive student body;

² Gender Non-Conforming Definition: <https://www.lexico.com/en/definition/gender-nonconforming>

³ Non-Binary Definition: <https://www.glsen.org/article/2018-model-school-district-policy-transgender-and-gender-nonconforming-students>

⁴ Constitution of the ASUN: http://de5u0yfu98nbk.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/14090844/asun_constitution_11.5.18.pdf

⁵ NSHE Non-Discrimination Policy: <https://www.unr.edu/eotix/policy-against-discrimination-and-sexual-harassment>

⁶ Gender Neutral State Constitutions: <https://www.nytimes.com/2003/05/22/us/some-state-constitutions-are-going-gender-neutral.html>

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students*, a question seeking approval of voters shall
2 appear on the ballot for the 2020 General Election as follows:

3 “Shall the Associated Students of the University of Nevada (ASUN) replace all gender
4 pronouns (ex: he, she, they, etc.) in the Constitution of the ASUN with position title
5 (ex: director, senator, commissioner, etc.) in order to be more inclusive to all students
6 on the University of Nevada, Reno campus?”;

7 *Be it further enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students*, that pursuant to passage of the ballot
8 question by the student body, the Constitution of the Associated Students of the University of
9 Nevada, Reno be updated to replace all gender pronouns with position title as reflected in
10 Addendum A.

Addendum A

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

Ratified April 14, 2016.



Printed at the direction of Lexi Jacobson, Secretary of the Senate April 14, 2016.—Ordered to be
printed

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA RENO : 2016

Constitution of the Associated Students

PREAMBLE

WE, THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO, in order to form a more perfect association, advance our interests, set forth our duties, and provide for meaningful participation in the governance of our University, do hereby establish this Constitution for the Associated Students.

ARTICLE I—THE ASSOCIATION

SECTION 1.

This Association shall be known as the Associated Students of the University of Nevada, Reno, hereinafter referred to as the ASUN, the Associated Students, or the Association.

- (a) MEMBERSHIP — Membership in the Association is automatic for students registered for at least one undergraduate credit.
- (b) QUALIFICATIONS TO HOLD OFFICE — All members of the government of the Association, at the time of ~~their~~ **the students'** election or appointment and throughout ~~their~~ **the officers'** terms, shall meet the general qualifications as follows:
 - (1) Maintain a minimum 2.75 cumulative grade point average.
 - (2) Be enrolled in at least seven undergraduate credits.
- (c) ELECTION AND TERMS — A general election shall be held on the Wednesday and Thursday on or preceding March 15 and those elected shall take office on the Wednesday closest to April 15.
- (d) LIMITATION ON HOLDING OFFICE — No person shall hold more than one office, elected or appointed, at any one time
- (e) COMPENSATION — The elected members of this government shall receive a compensation to be set by law. Any increase in compensation will take effect after the next intervening general election, which shall be subject to approval by a majority vote of the students voting in the election on that question.

SECTION 2. OATHS

- (a) The Senators and members of the executive and judiciary of this government, before entering into office, shall take an oath to support this Constitution

SECTION 3. FISCAL PROCEDURES

- (a) The ASUN shall follow System and University fiscal policies when expending student government fees collected by the Board of Regents and the revenue generated therefrom.

ARTICLE II—THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

SECTION 1.

The legislative power of the Association shall be vested in a Senate of the Associated Students.

- (a) COMPOSITION AND TERM — The Senate shall be composed of the Speaker and not more than twenty-five Senators, who shall be elected to a term of one year.
- (b) APPORTIONMENT OF SEATS — Each college and school shall have at least one seat. Thereafter, the seats shall be apportioned among the colleges and schools proportionally according to their respective enrollment numbers. The apportionment and number shall be set by law every two years.
- (c) QUALIFICATIONS — No person shall be eligible to be elected to the Senate who is not a member of the college or school from which that person is elected.
- (d) VACANCIES — When vacancies occur in the Senate, those seats shall be filled as the Senate by law provides. When one-third of the Senate is vacant, the Senate shall fill such vacancies by special election, to be held as the Senate by law provides.
- (e) OFFICERS — The Senate shall choose its Speaker and other officers.
- (f) APPOINTMENT AFTER ELECTION OF SPEAKER — After the election of the Speaker by the Senate, the first runner-up of the Speaker's college or school of which ~~they~~ **the Speaker** ~~were~~ **was** elected shall be appointed to the Senate at the meeting following the election of the Speaker. If there was no runner-up from the college of which the Speaker was elected, the Senate shall fill the vacancy as the Senate by law provides to fill any other vacancy of the Senate.

SECTION 2. PROCEDURE

- (a) The Senate shall be the judge of the elections, returns and qualifications of its own members.
- (b) QUORUM — A quorum to do business is two-thirds of the membership.
- (c) RULES AND DISCIPLINE — The Senate may determine the rules of its proceedings and punish its members for disorderly or inappropriate behavior as it sees fit. In the instance of expulsion, the concurrence of two-thirds of the Senators present is required.

SECTION 3. POWERS, DUTIES AND LIMITATIONS OF THE SENATE

- (a) The Senate shall have the following powers and duties:
 - (1) To make all laws and regulations necessary and proper for the ASUN.

- (2) To set a budget for the ASUN, but no money shall be spent from the treasury without appropriations made by law; a regular statement and account of receipts and expenditures of all public money shall be published annually at a minimum.
 - (3) To establish a policy with respect to the recognition of student organizations.
- (b) The Senate shall not do the following:
- (1) Rescind contracts, once signed.
 - (2) Disapprove the salaries and contracts of classified and professional staff.
 - (3) Create laws that presume binding authority beyond the jurisdiction of the Associated Students.

SECTION 4. LEGISLATION

- (a) PRESENTMENT TO PRESIDENT — Every bill which shall have passed the Senate shall, before it becomes a law, be presented to the President of the Associated Students.
- (b) APPROVAL; VETO — If the President approves the bill, ~~he or she~~ the President shall sign it. If not, ~~he or she~~ the President shall return it, with ~~his or her~~ the President's objections, to the Senate, who shall enter the objections in their records, and proceed to reconsider it.
- (c) RECONSIDERATION — If, after reconsideration, two-thirds of the Senators present agree to pass the bill, it shall become a law.
- (d) TIME LIMIT ON VETO — If any bill shall not be returned by the President within five working days after it shall have been presented to ~~him or her~~ the President, the same shall be a law, as if ~~he or she~~ the President had signed it, unless the Senate by their adjournment prevent its return, in which case it shall not be a law.
- (e) LINE ITEM VETO; RECONSIDERATION — The President may reduce or eliminate one or more items of appropriation while approving other portions of a bill. The President shall append to the bill a statement of the items reduced or eliminated with the reasons for the action. The President shall transmit to the Senate a copy of the statement and reasons. Items reduced or eliminated shall be separately reconsidered and may be passed over the President's veto in the same manner as bills.

SECTION 5. IMPEACHMENTS

- (a) The Senate shall have the power of impeachment.
- (b) The Senate shall have the power to try all impeachments. When sitting for that purpose, ~~they~~ the Senate body shall be on oath or affirmation. The Chief Justice shall preside over impeachments of executive officers. The Vice President shall preside over impeachments of judicial officers. No person shall be convicted without the concurrence of two-thirds of the Senators present.
- (c) Judgment in cases of impeachment shall not extend further than removal from office, and disqualification to hold any office of honor, trust or profit under the Associated Students.

ARTICLE III—THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

SECTION 1.

The executive power of the Association shall be vested in a President of the Associated Students, who shall be elected for a term of one year. A Vice President shall be elected to serve for the same term.

(a) ELIGIBILITY

- (1) No person shall be eligible to be elected to the office of President who has not completed 60 undergraduate credits and been a member of the Association for two consecutive semesters.
- (2) No person shall be eligible for the office of the Vice President who has not completed 45 undergraduate credits and been a member of the Association for two consecutive semesters.

(b) ELECTION — The President and Vice President shall be elected by a majority of the students voting in the election.

(c) VACANCY

- (1) Whenever the office of President becomes vacant, the Vice President shall become President. The Senate shall establish the further lawful succession order.
- (2) Whenever there is no Vice President, the President shall nominate a Vice President who shall take office upon confirmation by a two-thirds vote of the Senate.

(d) DECLARATION OF DISABILITY BY PRESIDENT — The President may transmit to the Speaker of the Senate a written declaration that ~~he or she~~ **the Speaker** is unable to perform the powers and duties of the office. Until the President transmits a written declaration to the contrary, such powers and duties shall be executed by the Vice President as Acting President.

(e) COMPENSATION — The President's compensation shall not be increased or decreased during their term.

(f) OATH OF OFFICE — Before entering into office, the President shall take the following oath or affirmation: "I, AB, do solemnly swear(or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office of President, and will, to the best of my ability, preserve and protect the Constitution of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada."

SECTION 2. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT

- (a) The President shall have the power to enter into agreements on behalf of the Associated Students as the Senate may by law provide.
- (b) The President shall nominate and appoint, provided two-thirds of the Senators present concur, justices of the Judicial Council and all other officers of the Associated Students, whose appointments shall be established by law, but the Senate may by law vest the appointment of such inferior officers in the President alone, in the Judicial Council, or in the heads of departments.
- (c) The President shall fill vacancies that occur during the recess of the Senate by granting commissions which shall expire once the Senate reconvenes.
- (d) The President shall give to the Senate information of the state of the Association, and recommend to ~~their~~ **its** consideration such measures as ~~he or she~~ **the President** shall judge necessary and expedient.
- (e) The President shall submit a proposed budget to the Senate.
- (f) The President may convene the Senate on extraordinary occasions.
- (g) The President shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed.

SECTION 3. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

(a) The Vice President shall be charged with fulfilling those duties assigned to ~~him or her~~ **the Vice President** by the President or the Senate of the Associated Students.

SECTION 4. REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

(a) The President, Vice President and all other executive officers of the Associated Students shall be removed from office on impeachment for, and conviction of, malfeasance, failure to discharge the powers and duties of office.¹

ARTICLE IV—THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

SECTION 1.

The judicial authority of the Association shall rest with a Judicial Council of the Associated Students.

- (a) COMPOSITION AND TERM — The Council shall consist of a Chief Justice of the Associated Students and four associate justices, who shall serve terms of two years.
- (b) QUALIFICATIONS — No person shall be appointed a justice who has not completed 60 undergraduate credits and been a member of the Association for two consecutive semesters.
- (c) REQUIREMENT OF GOOD STANDING — A justice may not continue to serve in office who is not in good disciplinary standing with the University.
- (d) COMPENSATION — Justices shall receive a compensation for ~~their~~ the justices' services, which shall not be decreased during ~~their~~ the justices' continuation in office.

SECTION 2. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL

- (a) The judicial power shall extend to —
 - (1) all cases which shall arise under this Constitution and the laws of the Associated Students; and
 - (2) controversies among members of the Association.
- (b) The Council shall adjudicate all cases where the constitutionality of an act of the Senate, the President of the Association, or any member of the Association is called into question.
- (c) The Council shall have the authority to interpret acts of the Senate.
- (d) The Council shall have the authority to direct the reapportionment of the Senate when that body fails to do so.

SECTION 3. PROCEDURE

- (a) QUORUM.—The quorum of the Council to conduct business is a majority of the membership.
- (b) DECISIONS.—The concurrence of three justices is required to issue any decision of the Council.
- (c) The Senate may by law establish such rules and procedures necessary for the operation of the Council, but may delegate such rulemaking authority to the Council.
- (d) UNIVERSITY DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS.—The Council shall follow the applicable provisions of the Nevada System of Higher Education Code with respect to University disciplinary proceedings.

SECTION 4. REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

- (a) The justices shall be removed from office on impeachment for, and conviction of, malfeasance, failure to discharge the powers and duties of officeⁱⁱ.

ARTICLE V—AMENDMENT, RECALL, INITIATIVE AND REFERENDA

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT

- (a) The Senate, whenever two-thirds shall deem it necessary, shall propose amendments to this Constitution, or, on the petition of 10 percent of the membership of the Association, shall place an amendment on the ballot.
- (b) In either case, an amendment shall be valid as part of this Constitution when ratified by two-thirds of the students voting on the question in an election and when assented to by the Board of Regents of the Nevada System of Higher Education.

SECTION 2. RECALL ELECTIONS

- (a) All elected members of this government are subject to recall from office by election, but no person shall be recalled from office without first serving two months.
- (b) PROCEDURES —
 - (1) A petition of half of the number of students who voted in the previous election of the officer or senator to be recalled is required to order a recall election.
 - (2) If the petition qualifies, a special election shall be held within three weeks.
 - (3) The concurrence of a majority of the students voting in the election shall be required to recall an officer or senator.
 - (4) A vacancy created by recall shall be filled by special election within two weeks of the recall.

SECTION 3. INITIATIVE

- (a) Any item of enactment may be put to a vote of the students by petition. No measure repealing a prior action shall be done by initiative.
- (b) PROCEDURES —
 - (1) A petition of half of the number of the students who turned out to the polls at the general election shall be required to place an item of enactment on the ballot.
 - (2) A measure that qualifies shall be placed before the students in the next general election.
 - (3) A majority of the students voting on the question shall be required for its adoption.

SECTION 4. REFERENDA

- (a) A referendum shall be used to repeal any item of enactment of the Senate.
- (b) PROCEDURES —
 - (1) A petition of half of the number of the students who turned out to the polls at the general election shall be required to place an item of enactment on the ballot.
 - (2) A measure that qualifies shall be placed before the students in the next general election.
 - (3) A majority of the students voting on the question shall be required for its adoption.

ARTICLE VI—IMPLEMENTATION

SECTION 1.

This Constitution, upon its approval by the Associated Students, in general election, and the Board of Regents of the Nevada System of Higher Education, shall supersede the current constitution with all its amendments.

[Ratified in the General Election, March 14-15, 2007.]

[Approved by Board of Regents, August 16, 2007.]

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