

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

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**S. BR. 87-**  
**A BINDING RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH**  
**THE COMMITTEE ON SAFETY,**  
**SUSTAINABILITY, AND WELLNESS AS A**  
**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE**

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IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

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APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2020

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR BANFER, SENATOR KOMANDURI, AND SENATOR HARVEY  
TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

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**A Binding Resolution to Establish the Committee on Safety, Sustainability, and  
Wellness as a Senate Standing Committee**

1       *Whereas* the Committee on Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness was established as a Special  
2 Committee during the 86<sup>th</sup> Senate Session of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada;<sup>1</sup>

3       *Whereas*, the committee was created with the intent of acting as “a liaison between different  
4 personnel and groups on campus that relate to student safety, sustainability, and student health to  
5 discuss concerns and initiatives on behalf of the undergraduate student body”;

<sup>1</sup> [http://de5u0yfu98nbk.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/18172344/86-154\\_S.B.Res\\_A-Binding-Resolution-to-Create-a-Special-Committee-on-SSW.pdf](http://de5u0yfu98nbk.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/18172344/86-154_S.B.Res_A-Binding-Resolution-to-Create-a-Special-Committee-on-SSW.pdf)

1       *Whereas*, the Committee will work directly with the Director[s] associated with safety,  
2 sustainability, and wellness, where it will be expected of them to provide a report for each meeting;

3       *Whereas*, the members of the Committee will be assigned the following liaison positions:  
4 Facilities Services, University Police Services, University Housing, ASUN Director of Sustainability,  
5 ASUN Director of Campus Wellness, Student Health Center, E.L. Wiegand Fitness Center, Campus  
6 Dining, Title IX, and Counseling Services;

7       *Whereas*, along with the Director of Campus Wellness, will represent the Association at the  
8 Student Wellness Advisory Group meetings;

9       *Whereas*, during the 87<sup>th</sup> Session, the Committee on Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness  
10 favorably recommended pieces of legislation regarding fair trade, exit counseling for graduating  
11 students, divestment from Styrofoam use by campus organizations, and pedestrian safety on and  
12 around campus;

13       *Whereas*, in addition to legislation, the Committee has worked closely with University Police  
14 Services regarding student safety events and brown bag lunches with police officers, as well as gained  
15 feedback regarding the City of Reno’s Sustainability Master Plan and bike paths on campus,  
16 increasing the awareness of students’ sustainable actions, safety, and mental and physical health;

17       *Whereas*, one of the University of Nevada, Reno’s goals in the mission statement is to “enhance  
18 sustainable environmental quality in Nevada” and to “improve the physical and mental health of  
19 Nevadan’s;”<sup>2</sup>

20       *Whereas*, safety and sustainability are both legislative priorities for the 87<sup>th</sup> Senate Session, and  
21 have been legislative trends in the previous sessions;

22       *Whereas*, as a standing committee, the Committee on Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness  
23 encourages students to be more aware of their own health and safety, as well as their impact on their  
24 surroundings;

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.unr.edu/administrative-manual/1-50-general-information/governance-of-the-nevada-system-of-higher-education/46-mission-statement>

1           *Whereas*, by establishing the Committee as a standing committee, the students of the University  
2           commit themselves to advocating for matters regarding safety, sustainability, and wellness for the  
3           current and following sessions;

4           *Be it Resolved*, the ASUN Senate Special Committee on Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness be  
5           hereby established as the ASUN Senate Standing Committee on Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness;

6           *Be it Further Resolved*, the changes reflected in Addendum A be applied to the Rules of the Senate  
7           for the 88th Session of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada.

## Addendum A

### Rule IX: COMMITTEES

#### b) STANDING COMMITTEES

The Senate shall elect Senators to the following standing committees:

- 1) Academics
- 2) Budget and Finance
- 3) Civic Engagement
- 4) Government Operations
- 5) Public Affairs
- 6) Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness
- 67) University Affairs
- 78) Oversight

### Rule X: STANDING COMMITTEE DUTIES

#### h) THE COMMITTEE ON SAFETY, SUSTAINABILITY AND WELLNESS

The Committee on Safety, Sustainability and Wellness shall be responsible for policies concerning campus wide departments regarding student safety and wellness, including but not limited to: the Campus Sustainability Committee, Facilities Services, University Housing, University Police, Student Health Services, Counseling Center, Campus Dining, Title IX Office, The Student Wellness Advisory Group, Pack Provisions, Student Cadets, Campus Escort, the ASUN Director of Sustainability and the ASUN Director of Campus Wellness. The Committee shall develop relationships with mental and physical health related student organizations. The Committee shall assist and consult the Director of Sustainability in the promotion of sustainable campus initiatives, the Sustainable Nevada Initiative Fund, and events such as Public Lands Day, Earth Day, and Arbor Day. The Committee shall be responsible for legislation regarding sustainable practices on and off campus, any policy concerning student health and student safety on campus and in the community, as well as anything else that the Chair finds pertinent to the Committee. The Committee will also work with the Director of Campus Wellness to allot at least four days within the academic year for the promotion of health and wellness and resources available to students.