

# 88<sup>th</sup> Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Agenda for Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 5:30 P.M.

Zoom Meeting: Email Keegan Murphy at [Speaker@asun.unr.edu](mailto:Speaker@asun.unr.edu)

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER\***
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE\***
3. **ROLL CALL\***
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. **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, Dominique Hall
- b. Vice President of the Associated Students, Austin Brown
- c. Chief Justice, Paulina Pride
- d. Chief of Staff, Demitri Bannoura
- e. Director of Clubs and Organizations, Nolan Lanza
- f. Director of Event Programming, Wes Fullmer
- g. Director of Legislative Affairs, Alexa Rangel
- h. Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Priya Bajwa
- i. Director of Sustainability, Elizabeth Guillen
- j. Director of Campus and Public Relations, Kyla Kwan
- k. Director of Campus Wellness, Parker Samuelson
- l. Attorney General, Paige Flippin
- m. Speaker of the Senate, Keegan Murphy

## 7. **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. The Speaker Pro Tempore and Parliamentarian will also give reports.

- a. Chair, Committee on Academics and Student Affairs--Senator Yang
- b. Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance--Senator Huber
- c. Chair, Committee on Democratic Civic Engagement--Senator Doyle
- d. Chair, Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion--Senator Ribeiro
- e. Chair, Committee on Government Operations--Senator Supple

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- f. Chair, Committee on the Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness--Senator Luers
- g. Speaker Pro-Tempore--Senator Supple
- h. Parliamentarian--Senator Harvey
- i. Chair, Committee on Oversight--Speaker Murphy

## **8. 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.

## **9. VETO MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT**

The Senate may reconsider acts vetoed by the ASUN President if they are returned by the President with his objections.

There are no veto messages at this time.

## **10. CONSENT AGENDA**

The Speaker shall sequentially proceed through such acts of legislation that have been previously been placed on the consent agenda. Such acts shall be considered adopted by consent, unless a single senator rises in objection thereto. All acts so objected are immediately placed on the end of the agenda for second reading.

There was no Legislation filed for the Consent Agenda.

## **11. FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION**

The following bills and resolutions will receive their first reading and may be considered under item 14 of this agenda:

- a. S.B. 88 – An Act to Establish the Commissioner of Marketing and Outreach for the Department of Diversity and Inclusion
- b. S.B. 88 – An Act to Amend Requirements for Candidate Names

## **12. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION**

A senator may move that legislation under item 16 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.B. 88 – An Act to Establish the Commissioner of Marketing and Outreach for the Department of Diversity and Inclusion
- b. S.B. 88 – An Act to Amend Requirements for Candidate Names

For further detail on each of the listed action items please see the support documents posted with this agenda. All action items may consist of legislation and supporting material for each respective action item.

### **13. REFERRALS TO COMMITTEE**

The Speaker shall refer all legislation read the first time and not fast tracked to committee.

There is no legislation to be considered for referral at this time.

### **14. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION**

The following bills and resolutions will receive their second reading and may be considered:

- a. S.B. 88 – An Act to Establish the Commissioner of Marketing and Outreach for the Department of Diversity and Inclusion
- b. S.B. 88 – An Act to Amend Requirements for Candidate Names

### **15. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

a. **Senator Reports**

The Senate will share progress they have made in ASUN-related activities that they have been working on.

b. **Summer Update by Speaker Murphy**

### **16. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS\***

The Speaker shall recognize in turn Senators requesting the floor for a period not to exceed two minutes.

### **17. 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.

### **18. ADJOURNMENT**

*Notes:*

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From: Joshua Luers, College of Engineering

To: Speaker Murphy

Date: 06/18/2020

RE: 06/24/2020

Speaker Murphy,

Per Senate Binding Resolution 88- A Binding Resolution to Temporarily Suspend Senate Rules I.a, II.f.5.i, II.f.5.ix, and II.g.1, committees are not meeting at this time. With that, I ask that my legislation, Senate Bill 88 – An Act to Establish the Commission for Marketing and Outreach for the Department of Diversity and Inclusion.

Respectfully,

Joshua Luers

Senator for the College of Engineering

Senate of the Associated Students

*Associated Students of the University of Nevada*

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

88<sup>th</sup> SESSION  
2020-2021

S. B. 88-

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE COMMISSIONER OF MARKETING AND OUTREACH FOR THE  
DEPARTMENT OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

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JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2020

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR LUERS TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

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**A BILL**

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE COMMISSIONER OF MARKETING AND OUTREACH FOR THE  
DEPARTMENT OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

- 1       *Whereas*, the Department of Diversity and Inclusion employs two commissioners for the  
2 department;
- 3       *Whereas*, the department contains a Commissioner of Social Justice Policy and a Commissioner  
4 of Projects and Events;
- 5       *Whereas*, an additional commissioner position would be highly beneficial for the department;
- 6       *Whereas*, a new commissioner would allow there to be a designated representative to organize  
7 and facilitate communication between the department and other organizations on campus;
- 8       *Whereas*, this would effectively address any specific concerns and create collaboration on various  
9 initiatives;

1        *Whereas*, this position would alleviate some of the numerous responsibilities of the  
2 Commissioner on Projects and Events

3        *Whereas*, this new commissioner would serve as a liaison between the department and InkBlot  
4 for marketing and creative purposes, allowing for a more cohesive planning process and more  
5 efficient execution;

6        *Be it enacted that*, the Statutes of the Associated Students reflect the changes made in  
7 Addendum A.

## Addendum A

**SECTION 06: Commissioners**

## a) IN GENERAL:

There shall be three Diversity and Inclusion Commissioners, nominated by the Director, with the Senate.

## i) There shall be a Commissioner of Social Justice and Policy

1. There shall be a Commissioner of Social Justice and Policy, nominated by the Director, with the consent of the Senate.
2. The Commissioner of Social Justice and Policy shall track University, local, state, and national policy that affect students, as well as research diverse and inclusive initiatives happening at other institutions. The Commissioner of Social Justice and Policy shall research and analyze policy and provide data for the Director to present to the Senate .

## ii) There shall be a Commissioner of Projects and Events

1. There shall be a Commissioner of Projects and Events, nominated by the Director, with the consent of the Senate.
2. The Commissioner of Projects and Events shall coordinate and organize any events, initiatives, and efforts to educate students, faculty, and staff on diverse topics, and to empower under-represented students.

## iii) There shall be a Commissioner of Marketing and Outreach

1. There shall be a Commissioner of Marketing and Outreach, nominated by the Director, with the consent of the Senate.
2. The Commissioner of Marketing and Outreach shall act as a liaison between students that identify in diverse groups ranging from, but not limited to: race, culture, LGBTQIA+, internationalism, socioeconomic status, disabilities, and religion, as appointed by the Director .
3. The Commissioner of Marketing and Outreach shall aid the Commissioner of Projects and Events in the promotion of campaigns and events, as well as serve as a liaison between the department and InkBlot.

## b) ADDITIONAL DUTIES:

- i) Commissioners shall act as liaisons between students that identify in diverse groups ranging from, but not limited to: race, culture, LGBTQIA+, internationalism, socioeconomic status, disabilities, and religion, as appointed by the Director.

- ii) Commissioners shall be responsible for highlighting and addressing issues to their specific breaches and plan their own events catering to their designated groups of people .
- iii) Commissioners shall be required to attend scheduled Department of Diversity and Inclusion meetings unless the presiding officer grants an excused absence prior to the meeting convening.
- iv) Commissioners shall mentor and educate Diversity and Inclusion Intern(s) that the Officers may be assigned to .



From: Lauren Harvey, Parliamentarian and Senator, College of Liberal Arts

To: Speaker Murphy

Date: June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020

RE: Senate Meeting on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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Speaker Murphy,

I am requesting the legislation S.B.88 An Act to Amend Requirements for Candidate Names to be fasttracked for the senate meeting on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Under normal circumstances, this bill would have passed through the Committee on Government Operations however due to the suspension of the senate rules, it must receive its first and second readings at the senate table.

Best,

Lauren Harvey

Parliamentarian and Senator, College of Liberal Arts

Senate of the Associated Students

*Associated Students of the University of Nevada*

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

88<sup>th</sup> SESSION  
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**S. B. 88-**  
**AN ACT TO AMEND REQUIREMENTS**  
**FOR CANDIDATE NAMES**

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IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

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JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2020

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR HARVEY TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATE STUDENTS

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**An Act to Amend Requirements for Candidate Names**

1        *Whereas*, the Statutes of the Associated Students (SAS) currently mandate that candidates  
2 running for ASUN elections must report their given name and surname on the ASUN ballot and  
3 elections materials<sup>1</sup>;

4        *Whereas*, the term “given name” implies the usage of the name given at the candidate’s birth;

5        *Whereas*, nicknames that are “a contraction or familiar form” of the candidate’s name are  
6 permitted in conjunction with the candidate’s given name;

7        *Whereas*, many students use names other than the one given at birth which are not considered  
8 nicknames;

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<sup>1</sup> SAS 702.06.b

1           *Whereas*, the SAS does not outline procedures for candidates who go by a name other than their  
2 given name;

3           *Whereas*, students who go by names other than their given name are more likely to be adversely  
4 affected by current election procedures in the form of misidentification;

5           *Whereas*, MyNevada allows students to use a “Preferred” name on student records (see  
6 Addendum B);

7           *Whereas*, permitting candidates to use a preferred name listed in MyNevada will serve to protect  
8 students’ personal information and allow for accurate identification;

9           *Whereas*, providing alternative options for naming can be useful for candidates who are at  
10 greatest risk of misnaming;

11           *Be it Enacted*, changes to the SAS be administered as reflected in Addendum A.

## Addendum A

### SECTION 06: CANDIDATES

a) ELIGIBILITY:

- 1) Each candidate must meet the requirements of eligibility for the office for which the Candidate is running as stated in the ASUN Constitution.
- 2) The Director of Elections and Democratic Education shall confer with the Associate Director of the Center for Student Engagement, or designee, to verify the student status of each candidate.
- 3) All candidates declared ineligible to run shall be notified by the Associate Director of the Center for Student Engagement, or designee.
- 4) Candidates for Senate who are members of multiple colleges or schools shall file under only one college or school of their preference.
- 5) Candidates may only file for one office.

b) CANDIDATE NAME:

- 1) In any election, the name of a candidate presented on a ballot must be either the candidate's given name and surname, or the candidate's preferred name as reflected in MyNevada. ~~of the candidate~~
- 2) NICKNAME
  - i. A contraction or familiar form of the candidate's given name can be used followed by the candidate's surname.
  - ii. ~~A nickname may be incorporated into the name of a candidate.~~ The nickname must be in quotation marks and appear immediately before the surname of the candidate.
  - iii. A nickname must not be vulgar or threatening and must not indicate any political, economic, social, or religious view, or affiliation and must not be the name of any person, living or dead, whose reputation is known on a campus-wide, statewide, nationwide, or worldwide basis, or in any other manner deceive a voter regarding the person or principles for which the individual is voting.
- 3) In any election if two (2) or more candidates have the same surnames or surnames so similar as to be likely to cause confusion, the middle initials, if any, of the candidates must be included in the names of the candidates as presented on the ballot.
- 4) The Director of Elections and Democratic Education shall verify the validity and legality of all candidate names, as submitted on the filling form by the candidates, and shall inform all affected candidates of any problems or inconsistencies.
  - i. This shall be done, as far as possible, prior to the submission of information for the Voter's Guide, in order to permit corrections.

## **Addendum B**

To change a given name to preferred name in MyNevada:

1. Log into MyNevada and navigate to the Personal Information tab
2. From the menu, select the Personal Details section which lists two types of names – primary and preferred
3. Click on the Preferred tab and follow the fields to enter a preferred name
4. Click save

MyNevada will now default to use the student's preferred name