

Committee on Academics and Student Affairs

Senate of the Associated Students 88th Session
Agenda for Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Zoom Meeting: email Steffany Yang at SenatorYang@asun.unr.edu for more information

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER*

Call Meeting to Order must be listed by Secretaries

2. ROLL CALL*

Roll Call must be listed by Secretaries

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

- a) The committee will consider the approval of the minutes from September 1st, 2020. The committee will discuss the minutes from September 1st, 2020 and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion the committee may choose to approve the minutes.



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5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Senator Updates

Senators will report on their liaison positions, progress on committee goals, and any other projects relevant to the committee.

- a. **Senator Abrams** – Residence Hall Association, Nevada Career Studios
- b. **Senator Ahmed** – NSURJ, Faculty Senate
- c. **Senator Casildo-Rios** – AVP Student Life Services, Academic Advising & Tutoring Centers
- d. **Senator Harvey** – NSURJ, University Libraries
- e. **Senator Kidd** – Office of Admissions and Records, VP of Student Services
- f. **Senator McElhoes** - AVP Student Life Services, Academic Advising & Tutoring Centers
- g. **Senator Stoddard** – Faculty Senate, Office of the Provost, Nevada Career Studios
- h. **Senator Yang** – VP of Student Services, Residence Hall Association

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. S. B. 88 - An Act to Award Stephen Eubanks 2019 Faculty Member of the Year

The committee will discuss this Bill and vote on passing or failing it.

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8. ADJOURNMENT

9. NOTES.

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[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

88th SESSION
2020-2021

**S. B. 88-
AN ACT TO AWARD
STEPHEN EUBANKS 2019 FACULTY
MEMBER OF THE YEAR**

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

SEPTEMBER 4TH, 2020

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR HARVEY TO THE
COMMITTEE ON ACADEMICS & STUDENT AFFAIRS

**An Act to Award Stephen Eubanks
2019 Faculty Member of the Year**

1 *Whereas*, there is an established ASUN Faculty of the Year Award according to Title XXIV of
2 the Statues of the Associated Students (SAS);

3 *Whereas*, according to SAS 2401.02 “the purpose of the ASUN Faculty of the Year Award is to
4 recognize exceptional University of Nevada Faculty”;

5 *Whereas*, according to SAS 2401.04 the chosen winner shall receive a plaque of recognition and
6 legislation naming them the ASUN Faculty Member of the Year;

7 *Whereas*, according to SAS 2401.06 the Senate Committee on Academics and Student Affaris
8 holds purview over the selection of award recipients from nominations received;

1 *Whereas*, the Committee on Academics and Student Affairs is responsible for creating
2 appropriate channels for students to submit applications;

3 *Whereas*, students' nominations were collected through a survey sent across the University's
4 undergraduate student email list serve;

5 *Whereas*, the following question was posed to the undergraduate students:

6 “Who do you recommend as an outstanding faculty member at the University of Nevada,
7 Reno to be selected as the Faculty Member of the Year for the 2019-2020 school year? This
8 may include any part-time or full-time professor, administrative, or staff personnel on
9 campus”;

10 *Whereas*, Dr. Stephen Eubanks received the most nominations from the total 650 nominations;

11 *Whereas*, Dr. Eubanks is an Assistant Professor of Music Education in the College of Liberal
12 Arts as well as the Assistant Director of Athletic Bands;

13 *Whereas*, Dr. Eubanks received feedback that stated, “His dedication and love towards the
14 University of Nevada Wolf Pack Marching Band is beyond what anyone could ever ask for of
15 someone in this position. He is extremely caring, and truly wants the best for us as students,
16 musicians, and people”;

17 *Whereas*, another student stated, “Even though he was only given this position [Athletic Band
18 Director] on a temporary basis... he pushed the band to be its greatest and planned for the success
19 of the band in the future... He truly deserves this recognition as he works endlessly to make sure the
20 bands and most importantly the students thrive at the University”;

21 *Whereas*, one student mentioned “He goes above and beyond for his students, and always
22 striving to represent the university in the best way he can”;

23 *Whereas*, among many other comments, another student said “He never settles for less than
24 what he believes our band and department deserves... His drive, charisma, humor, and knowledge is
25 what makes him an amazing professor and he is passionate about everything he does. He puts in his
26 hard efforts so his students can have the college experience they deserve and only strives for

1 excellence. Without a doubt he will leave the greatest impression on me, and I'm sure other students
2 as well”;

3 *Be it enacted*, Dr. Stephen Eubanks be formally recognized as the 2019 Faculty Member of the
4 Year;

5 *Be it further enacted*, Dr. Eubanks receives a plaque from ASUN to be recognized as the 2019
6 Faculty Member of the Year;

7 *Be it further enacted*, that this legislation to be sent to the University President Marc Johnson,
8 Provost Kevin Carmen, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts Debra Modellmog, and the award
9 recipient Dr. Stephen Eubanks.

