

Committee on Government Operations

Senate of the Associated Students 88th Session
Agenda for Tuesday, October 27th, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting: Email Victoria Supple at speakerprotempore@asun.unr.edu for more information

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER***

2. **ROLL CALL***

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT***

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4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

There are no minutes to be discussed.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

There is no old business to be discussed at this time.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **S.B. 88- An Act to Temporarily Withhold Appointment of Officers Within the SAS**

The committee will discuss whether this legislation should be favorably recommended.

b. **Senator Reports**

Committee members shall report on actions they have done per their duties in the governing documents.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT***

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8. **ADJOURNMENT**

9. **NOTES.**

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[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

88th SESSION
2020-2021

S. B. 88-

An Act to Temporarily Withhold Appointment of Officers Within the SAS

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

OCTOBER 20TH, 2020

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR TORRES TO THE COMMITTEES ON OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT
OPERATIONS

A Bill

**An Act to Temporarily Withhold Appointment of Officers Within the
SAS**

1 *Whereas*, the coronavirus pandemic has led to changes within the functions and operations of
2 the University of Nevada, Reno;

3 *Whereas*, an email sent by the President of the University of Nevada, Reno, Brian Sandoval
4 stated that “1 in 9 active positive cases in Washoe County were associated with our University
5 community, and the 18-24 age range continues to be the highest range of new cases”¹;

6 *Whereas*, the closure of many campus operations as well as inability to hold events for the fall
7 semester 2020 after Thanksgiving break effective on Monday, November 3rd will lead to students
8 going completely remote for the remainder of the semester¹;

1 *Whereas*, given that there are two months left of the fall semester with the inability to host in-
2 person events on campus the department of event programming has focused on preparation for
3 events for the Spring Semester;

4 *Whereas*, the director of Event Programming position has been vacant since September 16, 2020,
5 the job duties of the ASUN President, SAS 201.01.c “of all inferior officers of the executive branch
6 unless otherwise specified by law”^{2,3};

7 *Whereas*, the closure of the Weigand Fitness Center and other campus amenities have left many
8 students unemployed and in need of financial aid ⁴;

9 *Whereas*, student fees fund ASUN departments, including the Department of Event
10 Programming ⁵;

11 *Whereas*, on October 14, 2020 during the public comment of the Senate of the Associated
12 Students meeting, ASUN Vice President Brown expressed dissent to hiring a new director for Event
13 Programming, stating that “it is not the best use of student funds”⁶;

14 *Whereas*, extenuating circumstances may call for the appointment of an executive officer to be
15 delayed;

16 *Whereas*, there shall be a system of checks and balances in place to ensure the President and Vice
17 President are fulfilling their job duties faithfully;

18 *Whereas*, by hiring a new director of Event Programming, this would be a misuse of student
19 funds, as the closures due to COVID-19 and the impeding of in-person events has temporarily
20 stopped campus events that students would have attended otherwise;

21 *Whereas*, in order to properly use student funds the temporary withholding of appointing of an
22 executive officer provides an alternative option to the misuse of student funds given the COVID-19
23 pandemic;

24 *Be it enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students,*

- 25 a) that the Associated Students of the University of Nevada adopt Addendum A to the
26 Statutes of the Associated Students.;

1 *Be it further enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students,*

2 a) this Senate Bill be sent to the ASUN President Dominique Hall and Vice President

3 Brown to be applicable to the director of Event Programming position;

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Addendum A

TITLE II

CHAPTER 201

SECTION 01: DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT

The following shall be considered the duties of the President of the Associated Students:

c) To appoint and remove all inferior officers of the executive branch unless otherwise specified by law. Should a dire circumstance impede with the functions and operations of an executive department, there is an ability to temporarily withhold appointment of executive officer(s) with a majority vote approval from the Senate of the Associated Students.

1) If an executive position is not hired in a two-week period, the Speaker of the Senate shall place the position on the agenda where the Speaker sees fit. The senators will vote whether the President can delay the hiring of an officer or must hire an officer in the coming two weeks. The President will be allowed a presentation, followed by discussion of the senators, then a vote.