



# Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada

*89<sup>th</sup> Session, 2021-2022*

## **A BINDING RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE ON DEMOCRATIC CIVIC ENGAGEMENT**

Resolution Number: 155

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Sponsored By: 2021-2022 Student Government Assembly

*Whereas*, certain duties of the Standing Committee on Democratic Civic Engagement (hereafter known as DCE) as detailed in the 89th Session Senate Rules have since transferred to another Senate Committee or are no longer events in practice;

*Whereas*, the Committee on Oversight traditionally handles legislation “[voicing] student concerns regarding the Tuition and Fees of the University,” as seen in past pieces such as S.R. 88-150 — A Resolution in Support of Redistributing the Health Center Fee;<sup>1</sup>

*Whereas*, the most recent ASUN efforts with the Reno Education Awareness Drive occurred in March 2015;<sup>2</sup>

*Whereas*, rather than having one University Day of Service, the Center for Student Engagement staff hosts two (2) Days of Service in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.<sup>3</sup> and Cesar Chavez;<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> [https://de5u0yfu98nbk.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/07190859/88-150\\_S.Res\\_AResolutionInSupportofRedistributingTheHealthCenterFee-2.pdf](https://de5u0yfu98nbk.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/07190859/88-150_S.Res_AResolutionInSupportofRedistributingTheHealthCenterFee-2.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> <https://facebook.com/events/s/reno-education-awareness-drive/1600851830145247/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.unr.edu/nevada-today/blogs/2022/mlk-day-of-service-reflections#:~:text=On%20Monday%20%20January%2017%2C%202022,Martin%20Luther%20King%20Jr>

<sup>4</sup> [https://events.unr.edu/event/cesar\\_chavez\\_day\\_of\\_service\\_7974#:~:text=March%2031%20is%20the%20bi%20rthday,leader%20and%20civil%20rights%20activist](https://events.unr.edu/event/cesar_chavez_day_of_service_7974#:~:text=March%2031%20is%20the%20bi%20rthday,leader%20and%20civil%20rights%20activist)

*Whereas*, in the 89th Session, the Committee on DCE contributed to the Taste of Reno Service Palooza alongside the Department of Event Programming and the NASC (Nevada Association of Student Councils) Service Fair alongside President Brown and Vice President Murphy;

*Whereas*, the Senate Rules should be clarified to require planning for the Welcome Week Service Palooza, as the Committee has helped plan this event for multiple sessions, and the recommended contribution to other service events that come up throughout the year, at the discretion of the Chair;

*Whereas*, the liaison position list has been expanded in the 89th Session to include other ASUN departments and CSE professional staff that the Committee on DCE has corresponded with for success;

*Whereas*, updating its duties to reflect the Committee's current responsibilities and advocacy helps guide transitions between Chairs and Sessions, and acts as a guide to ensure the Committee is accomplishing the goals detailed in the Association's governing documents throughout the year;

*Be it resolved that*, Rule X of the 89th Session Senate Rules reflect the changes in Addendum A.

Adopted in Senate on March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Attest:

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Wyatt Layland, Senate Secretary

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Jake Schein, Speaker of the Senate

## Addendum A

### Rule X: Standing Committee Duties

#### c) Committee on Democratic Civic Engagement

The Committee on Democratic Civic Engagement shall be responsible for promoting civic engagement to the students, faculty, and administration of the university as well as the Reno community. The Committee shall be responsible for formulating policies regarding bodies of governance at the local, state, and federal level, including the Reno City Council, the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents, and the Nevada State Legislature. ~~This committee shall voice student concerns regarding the Tuition and Fees of the University.~~ The committee shall be responsible for working with the Center of Student Engagement Professional Staff on democratic and civic engagement initiatives such as GivePulse and the Silver Paw Award. The Committee on Democratic Civic Engagement shall support academic courses that endorse activism in the local and national community. The committee shall outreach to local non-profits to provide opportunities for students to serve in the community. The committee must hold and contribute to planning the Welcome Week Service Palooza in partnership with the Department of Event Programming, as well as other Service Fairs throughout the session (at the discretion of the Chair) ~~University Day of Service, Reno Education Awareness Drive~~, the annual ~~Veteran's Day~~ Veteran's lunch, and paying tribute in honor of 9/11. The Committee shall liaison with: ~~Veteran Services~~, The Office of Service Learning and Civic Engagement, President's Assistant on ~~Public and Campus Relations~~ ~~Community and Government Relations~~, Associate Director of Student Engagement, Coordinator of Democratic Engagement and Special Events, Coordinator of Student Engagement Outreach, ~~and the~~ Director of Campus and Public Relations, ~~and the Director of Government Affairs.~~

#### f) Committee on Oversight

The Committee on Oversight shall be responsible for evaluating the nature of Senate absences, reviewing personnel matters, and conducting investigations regarding the impeachment of Governmental Officials, in accordance with the Senate punitive powers. The Committee shall be composed of the chairpersons of the Standing and Special Committees, the Speaker Pro-Tempore, the Parliamentarian and chaired by the Speaker of the Senate. The Speaker of the Senate shall not have voting power except when the Speaker's vote would be decisive. Those who attend conferences on behalf of ASUN will be required to present to the committee discuss the educational value of the conference and how they will use what they learned to better the Association within two scheduled oversight meetings upon arrival back from the conference. The Committee also has jurisdiction over all nominations to office within ASUN, which require the consent of the Senate, the jurisdiction of the other committees to the contrary notwithstanding. The committee shall also meet to discuss updates, business and any concerns regarding each of the standing committees, the internship, and parliamentary procedures. The Committee on Oversight, acting as the check on the Senate and the Executive Branch of ASUN, shall be responsible for reviewing, questioning and/or requiring updates from ASUN student officers and their respective departments. ~~This committee shall also voice student concerns regarding the Tuition and Fees of the University.~~