



**From:** ASUN Judicial Council  
**To:** Associated Students of the University of Nevada  
**Date:** 23 June 2022  
**Re:** October 2021 External Review Release - Order

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To The Associated Students of the University of Nevada (ASUN),

This is a sua sponte order, meaning it was created internally with the Judicial Council. The Judicial Council derives its power to issue orders from SAS III.302, Rule 2 - *Power to Issue Orders; Enforceability*.

### **Background**

In October of 2021, the 88th Session of ASUN conducted an external review of ASUN and the Center for Student Engagement (CSE). This external review was conducted by an independent third party, of which the FY 22 budget allocated \$17,200 in student fees. Employees of ASUN and CSE including student employees and ASUN officers were asked to provide feedback to the review committee on various aspects of ASUN and CSE.

The external review was completed in the Spring of 2022 and has yet to be officially published to ASUN officers and CSE employees.

On May 9, 2022, former Reynold's School of Journalism Senator, Vanessa Ribeiro, published an article in the Reynold's Sandbox titled, *ASUN's Great Resignation*. In the article, Ribeiro details that she completed a public records request for the 2021 external review in her search to answer the question as to why there were so many ASUN officer resignations in the 87th and 88th sessions of ASUN. She details the external review is 17 pages and mentions "there is *a lot* that is said about CSE," a lot of whose operations are funded through the ASUN budget each fiscal year, composed entirely of student fees. Ribeiro shares two pages that mention the relationship between ASUN and CSE, accompanied by strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats, and recommendations.

### **Order of the Judicial Council**

In order to maintain the mission of ASUN and uphold trust in the Association, the Judicial Council orders that the external review be released in full to the individuals it is supposed to go to (including, but not limited to, all ASUN officers, all CSE employees, etc.).

With FY 22 coming to a close, it is against the mission of ASUN not to produce what is being paid for by student fees. While the contents of the external review may be negative in some aspects, students, officers, and employees have a right to know what challenges face their operations, and have a right to then think about how ASUN could address those challenges. Withholding this information from the necessary parties hinders the full functionality of ASUN and any opportunities to mend relationships with the CSE. The withholding also highlights an extreme lack of transparency in ASUN and CSE that must be addressed.

Dated: 23 June 2022

Signed:

Chief Justice Zane Taylor

Associate Justice Fernando Melendez

Associate Justice Amelia Glowniak