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

Agenda for Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 5:30 P.M.
In Person – Rita Laden Senate Chambers (3<sup>rd</sup> floor of JCSU)
Zoom Meeting – Email Andrew Thompson at speaker@asun.unr.edu for details

# 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

# 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

# 3. ROLL CALL

Roll Call must be listed by Legislative Clerk

# 4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

No meeting minutes were submitted at this time.

# 5. PUBLIC COMMENT (INFORMATION ONLY)

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.

Members of the public may participate in the meeting without being physically present by submitting public comment via email to Wyatt Layland at senatesecretary@asun.unr.edu. Please email Wyatt for the meeting details through the email listed above.

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# 6. <u>RECEIPT OF PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE TO THE SENATE AND REFERRAL (INFORMATION ONLY)</u>

The Senate will receive communications addressed to the Senate and, if necessary, refer each to the appropriate committee. No action will be taken on communications other than referring them to committee unless placed on the fast-track or consent agenda.

# 7. REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS (INFORMATION ONLY)

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.

# POSTED ON OR BEFORE 9:00 a.m. ON THE THIRD WORKING DAY BEFORE THE MEETING

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If you would like a copy of any of the agenda items listed, please contact Andrew Thompson at Speaker@asun.unr.edu.



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- a. President of the Associated Students, Dionne Stanfill
- **b.** Vice President of the Associated Students, Bayla Fitzpatrick
- c. Chief Justice, Zane Taylor
- d. Chief of Staff, Ashley Martinez
- e. Chief of Internal Affairs, Jada Maglinao
- f. Director of Clubs and Organizations, Tre Taylor
- g. Director of Programming, Maria Zamudio
- h. Director of Government Affairs, Amanda Vaskov
- i. Director of IDEA, Trace Wolfgang
- j. Director of Sustainability, Chris Rowe
- k. Director of Campus and Public Relations, Carlos Lara
- 1. Director of Campus Wellness, Boris Carpio Guerra
- m. Attorney General, Jakob Schein
- n. Senate Secretary, Wyatt Layland
- o. Speaker of the Senate, Andrew Thompson

# 8. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES (INFORMATION ONLY)

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

- a. Chair, Committee on Academics and Student Affairs, Nivetha Nithyanandan
- **b.** Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance, Nathan Noble
- c. Chair, Committee on Democratic Civic Engagement, Kimberly Claussen
- d. Chair, Committee on IDEA, Jaime Gonzalez
- e. Chair, Committee on Government Operations, Fayza Salah
- f. Chair, Committee on Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness, Emma Bergren
- g. Chair, Committee on Oversight, Andrew Thompson
- h. Parliamentarian, Brayden Taeubel
- i. Speaker Pro Tempore, Olivia Ngo

# 9. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (INFORMATION ONLY)

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.

# 10. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK APPOINTMENTS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

The motion to fast track a resolution or appointment confirmation shall be in order if recommended by the committee of relevant jurisdiction.

a. No nominations were submitted to the Speaker of the Senate at this time.

# 11. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS OF SENATORS AND ASUN OFFICIALS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

The Senate will consider the following nominations for Association office. When the Senate has concluded its deliberations, the Senate may approve the nomination, reject the nomination, or take no action upon the nomination.

a. No nominations were submitted to the Speaker of the Senate at this time.

# 12. VETO MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

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

a. There are no veto messages at this time.

# 13. CONSENT AGENDA (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

The Speaker shall sequentially proceed through such acts of legislation that have 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.

a. No items were submitted to the Speaker of the Senate.

# 14. FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION (INFORMATION ONLY)

The following bills and resolutions will receive their first reading and may be considered under item 16 of this agenda:

- a. The following legislation has been submitted to the Speaker of the Senate:
  - i. S.B. 90- A BILL TO ESTABLISH THE ASUN CODE OF ETHICS

# 15. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

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. No legislation has been submitted to the Speaker of the Senate at this time.

# 16. REFERRALS TO COMMITTEE (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

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

- a. The following legislation has been submitted to the Speaker of the Senate:
  - i. S.B. 90- A BILL TO ESTABLISH THE ASUN CODE OF ETHICS

# 17. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

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

- a. The following legislation has been submitted to the Speaker of the Senate:
  - i. S.B. 90- A BILL TO IMPLEMENT A TRANSITION PERIOD FOR TERMS OF OFFICERS

# 18. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

# a. Committee Changes and Additions

The Senate may make changes to committee assignments.

# b. Senator Reports

Two senators will be called at random to progress they have made in ASUN-related activities that they have been working on. Senators that were not selected but have a report to share may share.

# c. Presentations

# i. AYCE Delivery

The Senate will hear a presentation from founders of AYCE Delivery, a coffee/tea delivery service that was started by students that attend the University of Nevada, Reno. The Senate will have the opportunity to ask questions to the presenters about their business.

# 19. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (INFORMATION ONLY)

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

# 20. PUBLIC COMMENT (INFORMATION ONLY)

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.

# 21. ADJOURNMENT

Notes:

Items on the agenda may be taken out of order. The Senate may combine two or more agenda items for consideration. The Senate may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item on the agenda at any time. Please email the Senate Secretary at senatesecretary @asun.unr.edu as soon as possible to arrange for appropriate accommodation should need any.

Requests for supporting material for an agenda item should be directed to the Archives of the Associated Students. All other inquiries should be directed to Speaker Thompson at "speaker@asun.unr.edu."

# [DISCUSSION DRAFT]

90<sup>th</sup> SESSION 2022-2023

# S. B. 90 A BILL TO ESTABLISH THE ASUN CODE OF ETHICS

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

NOVEMBER 9, 2022

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR TAEUBEL TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

# A Bill to Establish the ASUN Code of Ethics

- 1 Whereas, The SAS provides a vague and broad description of officer behavior and values in 2 Chapter 002; 3 Whereas, The Code of Ethics provides detailed expectations of the values and conduct of ASUN 4 officers; 5 Whereas, The Code of Ethics creates transparency for the public on the role of an ASUN officer; 6 Whereas, The Code of Ethics advances the mission and integrity of the Association when 7 adhered to; 8 Be it enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students, 9 The establishment of the Code of Ethics;
- Be it further enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students,

1 b) The adoption of addendum A and the creation of Chapter 003 of the SAS.

2	Chapter 003: Code of Ethics
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4 5 6 7 8	Section 01: Establishment There is hereby established a Code of Ethics for all officers of the Associated Students.
9 10 11	Section 02: Purpose  The purpose of this document is to provide an ethical standard for the officers of ASUN.
12	Section 03: Administration
13 14 15	The Senate of the Associated Students shall set ethical standards relating to the conduct of officers in the Association in the form of a Code of Ethics. The Senate of the Associated Students may propose changes to this, with the consent of two-thirds of the body.
16 17 18 19 20 21	Section 04: Authorization of Appropriations There is hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to support this service.

# ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

# PROPOSED NOVEMBER 9, 2022



Proposed November 9, 2022 by Parliamentarian Brayden Taeubel

Code of Ethics

# **CODE OF ETHICS**

# **SECTION 1: PURPOSE**

The Code of Ethics serves as a standard of conduct for active officers in all branches of the Associated Students. Adherence to this code of ethics will result in an effective, efficient, and respected student government. The code will provide guidance for active members when engaging with students, faculty, and the administration or in any capacity where they will be representing the undergraduate students of University of Nevada, Reno. The code for active officers of the Associated Students will instill trust and confidence for its constituents. The Code of Ethics serves only as a reference document. Any amendments to this document shall require a two-thirds majority of the Senate. The ethics of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada, Reno extend beyond the codes listed within.

# **SECTION 2: MISSION**

The mission of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada, Reno is to maximize the educational experience of every student of the University of Nevada, Reno. Official positions in the Associated Students are to provide a learning experience of effective leadership, strong integrity, and a conviction for public service.

The reputation of the Associated Students is dependent on the trust and confidence the officers earn from the students at the University of Nevada. Officers gain credibility by adhering to their commitments, displaying honesty and integrity, and reaching Association and department goals solely through honorable conduct.

# **SECTION 3: STUDENTS**

- a) No officer shall use or condone in any way the wrongful or unauthorized use of ASUN property or student fee funds.
- b) No officer shall solicit or accept direct or indirect payment for the performance or nonperformance of any act not specifically allowed for in the governing documents.
- c) No officer shall use their position for unreasonable personal gain or priviledge.

# **SECTION 4: DISCRIMINATION**

No officer, elected or appointed to the Associated Students of the University of Nevada (ASUN) shall hold any office without full and complete support of the equal rights of all students of the University of Nevada, Reno, while acting in any official capacity, to be defined as attempting to discharge the duties of office. The actions of officers shall not involve any discrimination nor prejudice against any fellow students based on, but not limited to, age, citizenship status, color, creed, culture, cultural expression, ethnicity, ethnic expression, gender, gender identity, gender expression, military obligation, national or social origin, neurodivergence, physical disability, race, religion, sex, sex characteristics, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, spoken language, or veterans status.

**SECTION 5: BEHAVIOR** 

All officers shall:

- a) Behave in such a way as to uphold and advance the integrity of the Association's reputation while acting in an official capacity.
- b) Hold their position in the highest regard.
- c) Conduct themselves at all times in a manner that shall reflect positively on the Associated Students and the University of Nevada, Reno.
- d) Conduct themselves in accordance with University policy at all times.
- e) Uphold the University Student Code of conduct.
- f) Not intentionally make erroneous or unsubstantiated statements about the University in or to public or private media outlets.
- g) Show respect for the University administration, faculty, and staff.
- h) Address faculty and administrative concerns with ASUN business in a timely and appropriate manner
- i) Respect the officers of previous, current, and incoming sessions.

# **SECTION 6: ACCOUNTABILITY**

- a) Active officers shall hold themselves and each other accountable, as their actions reflect on the University of Nevada as a whole.
- b) In order to assure their independence and impartiality on behalf of the common good, officers shall use their best efforts to refrain from creating an appearance of impropriety in their actions and decisions.

# **SECTION 7: OBEDIENCE**

Officers shall comply with the laws of the nation, the State of Nevada, and the City of Reno in the performance of their officer duties.

# **SECTION 8: ELECTED OFFICE**

# Elected officers shall:

- a) Consult with constituents on matters that are to be voted on in the Senate.
- b) Endeavor to keep their constituents and the student body informed about the purpose, goals, and actions of the Associated Students.
- c) Take their duties seriously, in accordance with the expectations of the student body.
- d) Represent their constituents to the best of their ability.
- e) Prepare themselves for public issues; listen courteously and attentively to all public discussions before the body; and focus on the business at hand.
- f) Make decisions only after all facts bearing on a question have been presented and discussed.

# [DISCUSSION DRAFT]

90th SESSION 2022-2023

# S. B. 90-

# A BILL TO IMPLEMENT A TRANSITION PERIOD FOR

TERMS OF OFFICERS In the Senate of the Associated Students OCTOBER 11, 2022 SUBMITTED BY SENATOR FIORILLO AND ATTORNEY GENERAL SCHEIN TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

A Bill to Implement a Transition Period for Terms of Officials

Whereas, Chapter 211 of the SAS covers term limits for officials;

Whereas, This chapter does not allow for officials to finish out their term;

Whereas, This lack of a timeline leads to projects not getting fully completed;

Whereas, The official(s) should be able to see their entire term through, even if another official is appointed before their term has reached completion;

Whereas, By introducing a natural transition period, you would allow for officers to be properly introduced to their positions by the previous term's officials;

Whereas, Via Schein vs. ASUN (2) the Judicial Council recommended the Senate of the Associated Students make changes to allow executive appointments to continue starting before dead day;

Whereas, This new process laid out in the addendum would allow officers to conduct their duties until they have accomplished their goals or dead day, whichever comes first;

Whereas, this amended addendum clearly illustrates and creates a concise transition process to ensure officers are prepared for their roles;

Be it enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students,

a) The Adoption of Addendum A;

# **CHAPTER 211: TERM LIMITS**

# SECTION 01: DEFINITION OF "DEAD DAY"

As used in this Act, "Dead Day" means the day immediately preceding final examinations on which the University holds no classes.

# **SECTION 02: TERMS OF OFFICIALS**

The following officials shall serve for a term of one year beginning on Dead Day in the spring semester. On the expiration of the term, the official shall continue to perform the duties of the office until a successor is appointed and qualifies. The following officers shall serve for a term, beginning on their day of appointment by the incoming President of the Association. The previous officer shall continue to conduct their duties as decided by the current President or until dead day, whichever comes sooner. An officer's term also ends upon the administration of oath of office of a new officer for the same position.

- a) Director of Clubs and Organizations
- b) Club Commissioners
- c) Director of Programming
- d) Programmers in the Department of Programming
- e) Assistant Programmers in the Department of Programming
- f) Attorney General
- g) Director of Legislative Affairs
- h) Assistant Directors of Legislative Affairs
- i) Director of Diversity and Inclusion
- j) Director of Sustainability
- k) Chief of Staff
- 1) Chief of Internal Affairs
- m) Director of Campus and Public Relations

# **SECTION 03: TRANSITION OF TERMS**

A departing officer should serve as a resource for the incoming officer on their job duties and how to properly execute them. This can include volunteering for the department with the consent of the new officer

# SECTION 03: TERM OF CHIEF PRESIDENTIAL AIDE

The Chief of Staff shall continue in office during the tenure and at pleasure of the President.

# SECTION 04: TERM OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AND CAMPUS RELATIONS

The Presidential Assistant on Public and Campus Relations shall serve during the tenure and at the pleasure of the President.

# SECTION 045: TERM OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

The terms of the President and Vice President shall end at 6 p.m. on the Constitutional day the terms of office are to end, which is the Wednesday closest to April 15.