

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

Agenda for Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 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](mailto: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)**

The following meeting minutes were submitted for approval:

- a. January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- b. February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023
- c. February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- d. February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- e. February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023
- f. March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023
- g. March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- h. March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**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.

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**6. RECEIPT OF PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE TO THE SENATE AND REFERRAL (INFORMATION ONLY)**

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.

- a. President of the Associated Students, Dionne Stanfill
- b. Vice President of the Associated Students, Jada Maglinao
- c. Chief Justice, Zane Taylor
- d. Chief of Staff, Ashley Martinez
- e. Chief of Internal Affairs, Noah Klein
- 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, Winter Nelson
- l. Director of Campus Wellness, Boris Carpio Guerra
- m. Attorney General, Brayden Taeubel
- 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, Jefrin Jojan
- d. Chair, Committee on IDEA, Jaime Gonzalez
- e. Chair, Committee on Government Operations, Fayza Salah
- f. Chair, Committee on Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness, Amelia Bryan
- g. Chair, Committee on Oversight, Andrew Thompson
- h. Parliamentarian, John Kermanshahi
- 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.R. 90- A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND IMPLEMENT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE DEGREE PROGRAMMING IN THE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH
  - ii. S.B. 90- AN ACT TO RESTRUCTURE THE DEPARTMENT OF EVENT PROGRAMMING
  - iii. S.B. 90- A BILL ESTABLISHING REGULAR MEETING REQUIREMENTS FOR EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS
  - iv. S.B. 90- AN ACT TO UPDATE THE CHIEF OF STAFF AND CHIEF OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS DUTIES AND TITLES
  - v. S.B.R. 90- A BINDING RESOLUTION TO CREATE A PERMANENT LIAISON POSITION FOR THE PATH TO INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM
  - vi. S.B.R. 90- A BINDING RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS FOR THE 90<sup>TH</sup> SENATE SESSION

**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.

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#### **16. REFERRALS TO COMMITTEE (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

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

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

#### **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.R. 90- A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MORE SIGNAGE FOR GENDER-NEUTRAL RESTROOMS
  - ii. S.R. 90- A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND IMPLEMENT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE DEGREE PROGRAMMING IN THE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH
  - iii. S.B. 90- AN ACT TO RESTRUCTURE THE DEPARTMENT OF EVENT PROGRAMMING
  - iv. S.B. 90- A BILL ESTABLISHING REGULAR MEETING REQUIREMENTS FOR EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS
  - v. S.B. 90- AN ACT TO UPDATE THE CHIEF OF STAFF AND CHIEF OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS DUTIES AND TITLES
  - vi. S.B. 90- AN ACT TO CREATE SUSTAINABLE EVENT BEST-PRACTICES
  - vii. S.B.R. 90- A BINDING RESOLUTION TO CREATE A PERMANENT LIASION POSITION FOR THE PATH TO INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM
  - viii. S.B. 90- AN ACT REVISING ELECTION PUNITIVE PROCESSES
  - ix. S.B. 90- A BILL TO ENSURE PUBLIC ACCESS TO SENATE MEETINGS
  - x. S.B.R. 90- A BINDING RESOLUTION TO ENSURE PUBLIC ACCESS TO SENATE MEETINGS
  - xi. S.B.R.90- A BINDING RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS FOR THE 90<sup>TH</sup> SENATE SESSION

## **18. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

### **a. Presentations**

- i. Ed Huffman, Executive Director for the Office of Digital Learning, will present on changes being made to the course modality definitions.

### **b. Senator Reports**

Senators will share progress they have made in ASUN-related activities that they have been working on and may discuss anything they would like to emphasize the next session consider pursuing.

## **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](mailto:senatesecretary@asun.unr.edu) as soon as possible to arrange for appropriate accommodation should need any.*

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90th SESSION  
2022-2023

**S. Res. 90-  
A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT  
OF MORE SIGNAGE FOR  
GENDER-NEUTRAL  
RESTROOMS**

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IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

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MARCH 1, 2023

SUBMITTED BY KAIDEN MEJIA-AMAYA, SPONSORED BY SENATOR PEREZ RAMIREZ

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**A Resolution**

**A Resolution in Support of More Signage for Gender-Neutral Restroom**

*Whereas*, Nevada state law states that “The owner or operator of a place of public accommodation that provides a single-stall restroom to the public shall make the single-stall restroom as inclusive and accessible as possible to a person of any gender identity or expression.”<sup>1</sup>;

*Whereas*, in 2014, S. Res 82-111, A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GENDER INCLUSIVE RESTROOMS ON CAMPUS passed which supported the inclusion of gender-neutral restrooms on our campus;

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1347164>

*Whereas*, a 2017 survey found that 43% of students in the LGBTQ+ community avoided restrooms at school due to safety concerns and discomfort;<sup>2</sup>

*Whereas*, gender-inclusive bathrooms listed on facilities services are often marked as handicap accessible with no signage to indicate gender inclusivity;

*Whereas*, students may believe there are no gender-inclusive bathrooms due to a lack of signage;

*Whereas*, the University of Nevada's values indicate the importance of inclusiveness of identities;<sup>3</sup>

*Whereas*, students have a hard time finding gender-inclusive restrooms on campus which may cause discomfort and creates an inequitable learning environment;

*Be it resolved that*, the University of Nevada adds additional signage that indicates gender inclusivity outside of all gender-inclusive restrooms on campus.

*Be it further resolved that*, additional directions to gender-inclusive restrooms be placed in high-traffic restroom areas in University buildings.;

*Be it further resolved that*, a copy of this resolution be sent to:

- President of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada, Dionne Stanfill
- Associate Vice President for Facilities Services, Justin Reginato
- Building Services Coordinator of the Joe Crowley Student Union, or closest respective position.

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<sup>2</sup> Kosciw, J. G., Greytak, E. A., Zongrone, A. D., Clark, C. M., & Truong, N. L. (2018). The 2017 National School Climate Survey: The experiences of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer youth in our nation's schools. New York: GLSEN.

<sup>3</sup><https://www.unr.edu/accreditation/mission#:~:text=Inspired%20by%20its%20land%2Dgrant,the%20nation%2C%20and%20the%20world.>

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

**S. R. 90-  
A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND  
IMPLEMENT EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
SERVICE DEGREE PROGRAMMING IN  
THE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

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IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

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MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

SUBMITTED BY PARLIMENTARIAN KARMANSHAHI AND SENATORS BROWN AND FIORILLO TO THE  
SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

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**A Resolution  
To Recognize and Implement Emergency Medical Service Degree  
Programming in the School of Public Health**

1       *Whereas*, the University of Nevada’s School of Public Health was “established by the Board  
2 of Regents on September 1, 2004, and seeks to grow the numbers of faculty, graduate students, MPH  
3 programs in each of the core areas of public health, and doctoral degrees in selected areas while  
4 engaging in cutting-edge research and community service.”



1           *Whereas*, the School of Public Health has maintained a mission to “develop, disseminate and  
2   apply knowledge to protect and promote the health and well-being of individuals, families, and  
3   communities.”

4           *Whereas*, the School of Public Health has identified a public health degree from the University  
5   of Nevada as preparing an individual for a “rewarding career working to achieve health equity and  
6   eliminate health disparities that impact our communities.”

7           *Whereas*, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s National EMS Scope  
8   of Practice Model has identified paramedics as “allied health professionals whose primary  
9   focus is to provide advanced emergency medical care for critical and emergent patients who  
10   access the emergency medical system possess[ing] the complex knowledge and skills  
11   necessary to provide patient care and transportation.”

12           *Whereas*, the Bureau of Labor Statistics has identified paramedics as a profession to  
13   grow 7% from 2021 to 2031.

14           *Whereas*, a 2022 American Ambulance Association study of employee turnover found  
15   that 39% of emergency medical technician and 55% of paramedic positions went unfilled  
16   because of a lack of qualified candidates.

17           *Whereas*, the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services has identified  
18   community paramedicine as a feasible solution to achieving health equity and eliminating  
19   health disparities in the state citing, “reduced emergency room usage, reduced hospital  
20   readmissions, reduced emergency transports, increased access to primary care services, and  
21   improvements in health outcomes, especially chronic conditions.”

22           *Whereas*, currently the State of Nevada has only four (4) degree programs to attain an  
23   associate’s degree in paramedic medicine, paramedicine, prehospital emergency medicine,

1 and emergency medical services at the College of Southern Nevada, Western Nevada  
2 College, Truckee Meadows Community College, and Great Basin College respectively.

3       *Whereas*, the University of Arizona, a peer institution of the University of Nevada, has a  
4 bachelor's degree in emergency medical services with additional training in core competencies such as  
5 critical care, community paramedicine, special operations, physiology, chemistry, biology, leadership,  
6 health care systems, and communications that also "provides individuals and paramedics the  
7 background necessary to become leaders in their field."

8       *Whereas*, the University of New Mexico, a peer institution of Nevada, provides a  
9 four-year undergraduate program that places emphasis on both the science and the humanity  
10 of prehospital medicine that "teach[es] and train[s] paramedic leaders to be better prepared  
11 to handle the realities of a new era in prehospital medicine."

12       *Whereas*, in an article authored by Michael Schulz, a paramedic educator and program  
13 director at Truckee Meadows Community College for Public Safety and Emergency Medical  
14 Services, Schulz cites professional ownership of industry to include evidence-based and  
15 scholarly research, an elevation of industry standards and health outcomes, and international  
16 opportunities in foreign countries like the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New  
17 Zealand, and South Africa which all require an intensive four-year, undergraduate degree  
18 program

19       *Whereas*, the Center for Integrated Health and Community Education, an educational  
20 subsidiary of REMSA Health, provides educational programming for paramedic students in  
21 conjunction with the University of Nevada, Reno's Cooperative Extension Program without  
22 a degree program.

23       *Whereas*, Jennifer Walters, manager of the Center for Integrated Health and  
24 Community Education, has cited an interest in their program in conjunction with the

1 University of Nevada, Reno to create a bachelor's degree in public health with an emphasis  
2 in prehospital emergency medicine.

3         *Whereas*, Michael Schulz, Director of Public Safety at Truckee Meadows Community  
4 College has actively advocated for the creation of a bachelor's degree program in emergency  
5 medical services.

6         *Whereas*, students surveyed at both Truckee Meadows Community College and the  
7 Center for Integrated Health and Community Education overwhelmingly and unanimously  
8 support the creation of degree programs

9         *Whereas*, students and graduates of the University of Nevada, Reno have made up a  
10 significant percentage of over 20% enrollment in emergency medical technician, advanced  
11 emergency medical technician, and paramedic programming at both Truckee Meadows  
12 Community College and the Center for Integrated Health and Community Education

13         *Whereas*, in a randomized control trial conducted by Parliamentarian Kermanshahi,  
14 Senator Brown, and Fiorillo sample size of 198 students, 11.1% intended on pursuing some  
15 form of emergency medical or prehospital medical training to begin their careers as first  
16 responders, and 11.6% intended on pursuing some form of emergency medical or  
17 prehospital medical training to begin their careers as physicians, physician's assistants, or  
18 nurses for a total of 22.7% interested in recognition or establishment of emergency medical  
19 service training

20         *Whereas*, in the strategic plan passed in 2016 for the Associated Students of the  
21 University of Nevada *No Walls 2025: A Student Vision for the University of Nevada, Reno*, the  
22 Association then identified initiatives to "break down the educated wall," as "create[ing]  
23 programs that educate our community and students at the same time, give[s] students  
24 opportunities to develop healthy skills, hobbies, and habits, [and] encourage[s] student

1 entrepreneurship through grants and creating opportunities for students to innovate in the  
2 business world”

3 *Whereas*, a paramedic, emergency medical service, or prehospital emergency medical  
4 services program at the University of Nevada would constitute the identification and  
5 creation of programs that would educate and benefit both students and the community  
6 whilst developing an invaluable skill that will serve the public health demands of the State of  
7 Nevada, and encourage the advancement of the emergency medical services industry  
8 towards innovation, development, and solidification of practices that will lead to higher  
9 patient outcomes.

10 *Be it resolved that*, the Associated Students of the University of Nevada supports the School of  
11 Public Health’s continued coordination with the Center for Integrated Health and Community  
12 Education and Truckee Meadows Community College to create a four-year undergraduate bachelor’s  
13 degree program in public health with an emphasis in prehospital emergency medicine.

14 *Be it further resolved that*, the Associated Students of the University of Nevada supports the  
15 recognition of credits for emergency medical service classes and coursework as transferrable credits  
16 toward a bachelor’s degree at institutions within the Nevada System of High Education.

17 *Be it further resolved that*, a copy of this resolution be sent to:

- 18 - Provost Jeff Thompson, University of Nevada-Reno
- 19 - Board of Regents, Nevada System of Higher Education
- 20 - Vice Chair Joseph Arrascada, Nevada System of Higher Education
- 21 - Dean Muge Akpinar-Elci, School of Public Health
- 22 - Assistant Dean Zachary Behl, School of Public Health
- 23 - President Brian Sandoval, University of Nevada-Reno
- 24 - Director Michael Schulz, Truckee Meadows Community College
- 25 - Manager Jennifer Walters, Center for Integrated Health and Community Education

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

90th SESSION  
2022-2023

**S. B. 90 -  
AN ACT TO RESTRUCTURE THE  
DEPARTMENT OF EVENT  
PROGRAMMING**

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IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

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MARCH 9TH, 2023

SUBMITTED BY PARLIAMENTARIAN KERMANSHAHI AND SENATOR MEISZBURGER TO THE  
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

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**A Bill  
AN ACT TO RESTRUCTURE THE DEPARTMENT OF EVENT  
PROGRAMMING**

*Whereas, students overwhelmingly attend athletics events as seen in the 2022-2023 Nevada Wolfpack football and basketball seasons.*

*Whereas, traditional events, under the direction of the Department of Event Programming, such as Mackay Week and Homecoming Week have historically not been well-attended by the student body.*

*Whereas, there is a renewed interest by the student body to engage in traditional events as seen by the election of Dionne Stanfill and Bayla Fitzpatrick, who ran on the "Stronger With Nevada" campaign, which included initiatives to revitalize the University of Nevada's sacred traditions.*

*Whereas, this sentiment can also be reflected by the elections of Senators Kermanshabi, Fiorillio, Dean, Brown, and Meiszburger, all of whom committed to the idea of solidifying campus traditions.*

*Whereas, introducing an Associate Programmer for Traditions and Athletic Events may allow for a renewed focus by the Associated Students of the University of Nevada to meet the need and demand for attention towards these student concerns.*

*Whereas, special interest organizations across our campus would benefit from a dedicated liaison to coordinate events that ultimately support their students including but not limited to Nevada Athletics, Nevada Blue Crew, Nevada Interfraternity Council, Multicultural Greek Council, Reno Independent Interfraternity Council, and Reno College Panhellenic Association.*

*Whereas, events including but not limited to March to the Arch, Homecoming Week, and Mackay Week have traditionally provided a space and place for the groups to flourish in a safe and sustainable environment;*

*Whereas, in the strategic plan for the Associated Students of the University of Nevada “No Walls: 2025 A Student Vision for the University of Nevada,” the Association highlighted “Advocat[ing] for increased event space for student and community activities” and “Create[ing] and support[ing] programs that encourage students to self-police and looks out for each other;” as an effective way to “to break down the inclusive wall.”*

*Whereas, the Associated Students of the University of Nevada have historically retained officers to support campus traditions as seen prior to the abolition of the Departments of Traditions, Blue Crew, and Campus Unity*

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

- a) SAS 203 shall be amended according to the changes in Addendum A*

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

- a) That these changes be effective beginning in the 91<sup>st</sup> Session of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada.*

## CHAPTER 203: DEPARTMENT OF EVENT PROGRAMMING

### SECTION 01: ESTABLISHMENT

There is hereby established a Department of Event Programming, to be commonly known as ASUN Event Programming, as an executive department of the Association.

### SECTION 02: MISSION

The primary mission of the Department is to:

- a) Inspire, unite, and provide educational opportunities to the University of Nevada students through Event Programming derived from Nevada Traditions, cultural diversity, large-scale entertainment, and athletics. The board will execute the laws, planning and management of all official department events of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada.

### SECTION 03: STRUCTURE

The Department of ASUN Programming shall consist of a Director, 2 Assistant Directors, 2 Associate Programmers of Athletics and Traditions, and up to 8 6 programmers.

- a) DIRECTOR:
  - 1) The Director shall be appointed by the President, with the consent of the Senate.
  - 2) The Director, as the head of Department and shall have the direction, authority, and control over it.
  - 3) The Director may delegate any of the Director's functions or duties to any other officer, of the Department.
  - 4) The Director shall prepare a budget break-down for the Department for the anticipated major events of the year to be presented to the President.
  - 5) The Director shall recommend to the President of the Association appointments of students to the Department.
  - 6) The Director shall chair all meetings of the Department.
  - 7) The Director shall be responsible to serve as liaison to university entities that pertain or may serve as stakeholders for ASUN Programming; including, but not limited to the Alumni Association, Nevada Athletics, Center for Cultural Diversity, New Student Initiatives, The Wolfpack Welcome Committee, and the Dean of Students.
  - 8) The Director shall research various items including national trends, diversity initiatives, and tradition building to guide the board's efforts to create all-inclusive programs.
  - 9) If an executive appointment is reported unfavorably by the Senate Committee on Oversight or if an appointee is not passed by the Senate, the Director shall present a new appointment to the Senate within the following two weeks of said committee or Senate meeting.

- 10) The Director shall act as President if, by reason of death, resignation, removal from office, inability, or failure to qualify, there is no President, Vice President, Speaker of the Senate, or Director of Clubs and Organizations to act as President.
- 11) The Director is responsible for producing a non-binding organizational calendar of the semester which includes all programming events planned for that semester at the first meeting of the corresponding semester.
- 12) The Director is to have a report read or spoken into record at minimum every other Senate meeting.
- 13) Responsible to attend all ASUN retreats, and trainings as decided by the Chief of Internal Affairs.

b) ASSISTANT DIRECTOR:

- 1) There shall be two Assistant Directors, which will be nominated by the Director with the consent of the Senate.
- 2) The Assistant Directors will act as proxies when the Director is absent.
  - i) The Assistant Director will be responsible for all administrative duties, including accounting matters that pertain to the ASUN Event Programming Budget and filling out proper paperwork.
  - ii) The Assistant Director will be responsible for all accounting matters that pertain to the ASUN Event Programming Budget.
- 3) There will be an Assistant Director of Budget and Assessment.
  - i) The Assistant Director will be responsible for all administrative duties pertaining to the budget, including accounting matters and paperwork that pertains to the ASUN Event Programing Budget.
  - ii) The Assistant Director will serve as the representative from the Department at all Budget and Finance Meetings which pertain to the Department.
  - iii) The Assistant Director will perform assessments and collect data from implemented events at least three times during each academic semester. The Assistant Director will present new data to the Board.
  - iv) The Assistant Director will work with the Vice President to serve as a liaison between ASUN and Athletics.
- 4) There will be an Assistant Director for Marketing and Interns.
  - i. The Assistant Director shall plan, organize, and execute the curriculum of the Event Programing Internship Program. These responsibilities include, but are not limited to:
    1. Reviewing applications, conducting interviews, and selecting candidates, with oversight of the Director, for the Event Programming Internship Program.
    2. Produce the education components twice a month to include, but not be limited to: ASUN and university event programming policies, the duties, and abilities of Central Station, ASUN departments and positions, event resources on our campus,



the services provided by the Center for Student Engagement, and the steps to plan and execute a programming event.

3. Scheduling presentations or guest speakers to increase the learning mission of the program.

4. Coordinating a “buddy system” where programmers are matched to mentor and educate Event Programming Intern(s).

ii. The Assistant Director shall act as a liaison between the Department of Programming and Inkblot Promotions by:

1. Collecting event information from the Programming Board and submitting them to the inkblot account coordinator with accompanying design ideas.

2. Meeting regularly with the inkblot account coordinator to coordinate marketing for all events.

3. Giving input and updates to the designer throughout the entire design process.

4. Approving designs for print and distributing marketing materials accordingly.

5. Brainstorming and implementing new marketing tactics and ways to better inform the students about ASUN Programming events.

5) Responsible to attend all ASUN retreats, and trainings as decided by the Director of Programming and the Chief of Internal Affairs.

#### c) ASSOCIATE PROGRAMMERS

1) There will be two Associate Programmers of Athletics and Traditions, which will be nominated by the Director with the consent of the Senate.

2) The Associate Programmers shall plan all Athletics and Traditions-related events and initiatives.

1) Associate Programmers shall be required to attend scheduled Department of Event Programming meetings unless the presiding officer grants an excused absence prior to the meeting convening.

2) Associate Programmers shall mentor and educate Event Programming Intern(s) that the Associate Programmers may be assigned to.

3) Associate Programmers shall serve as liaisons to University of Nevada Athletics and to ASUN Departments and assist them with any Athletics or Traditions Event inquiries.

4) Associate Programmers will use the data provided by the Assistant Director to guide their planning of future programs.

5) Responsible to attend all ASUN retreats, and trainings as decided by the Director of Programming and the Chief of Internal Affairs.

#### c) PROGRAMMERS:

1) There will be a maximum of ~~eight~~ six programmers, which will be nominated by the Director with consent from the Senate.

2) Programmers shall plan all Department events and initiatives.

- 3) Programmers shall be required to attend scheduled Department of Event Programming meetings unless the presiding officer grants an excused absence prior to the meeting convening.
- 4) Programmers shall mentor and educate Event Programming Intern(s) that the Programmers may be assigned to.
- 5) Programmers shall serve as liaisons to other ASUN departments and assist them with any Event Program inquiries.
- 6) Programmers will use the data provided by the Assistant Director to guide their planning of future programs.
- 7) Responsible to attend all ASUN retreats, and trainings as decided by the Director of Programming and the Chief of Internal Affairs.

#### **SECTION 04: EVENT PROGRAMMING**

The mission of the Department of Event Programming is to inspire, unite and provide educational opportunities to the undergraduate students at the University of Nevada. To ensure this is completed, the Department of Event Programming will be expected to plan and execute various traditional events including but not limited to the following: Homecoming events, celebration of Mackay, Welcome Week, Welcome Back Week, Unity Week, Beat UNLV Event(s), and Family Weekend. All events should be strategically planned to include diverse groups of students. In addition to these large-scale events, the board will be responsible for creating and executing events varying in topic and scale, but all should be designed around the mission and vision of the Department of Event Programming. These events should be all inclusive and strategically planned throughout the year to ensure campus wide success and student participation. Such events should include but are not limited, speakers and concerts, and events which promote campus unity and educational opportunities.

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90<sup>th</sup> SESSION  
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**S. B. 90 -  
A BILL ESTABLISHING REGULAR MEETING  
REQUIREMENTS FOR EXECUTIVE  
DEPARTMENTS**

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

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MARCH 29, 2023

SUBMITTED BY ADVOCACY DIRECTOR CLAUSSEN, VICE PRESIDENT MAGLINAO, AND CHIEF OF STAFF MARTINEZ  
SPONSORED BY SENATOR BRYAN AND SENATOR SALAH  
TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO

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**A Bill Establishing Regular Meeting Requirements for Executive Departments**

*Whereas*, the Statutes of the Associated Students does not currently have any regular meeting requirements for Departments within the Executive Branch.

*Whereas*, Senators may receive two points for not attending Senate meetings, and one point for not attending Committee meetings.

*Whereas*, Senate meetings generally happen once per week, and Committee meetings happen either once per week or every other week.

*Whereas*, Senate Committee Chairs and the Speaker of the Senate may receive two points for not hosting a public meeting within a two-week period.

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*Whereas*, Senators are subject to being censured to appear in the Committee on Oversight after receiving five points, typically being asked to give an explanation as to why they have not shown up.

*Whereas*, having regular meetings with publicly accessible agendas promotes transparency and allows pathways for students to be informed and get involved in ASUN happenings.

*Whereas*, having regular meetings within Executive departments may allow for enhanced communication and collaboration within each department.

*Whereas*, The Department of Campus Wellness and The Department of Sustainability are exempt from this requirement due to each department being too small to accommodate a quorum according to Nevada Open Meeting Law. All public business (budgets, etc.) for these departments will be handled during the President's Cabinet meeting, which under this legislation will also meet at least once per month.

*Be it enacted*, Directors of Executive departments will be required to host department-wide public meetings – with an attached agenda subject to Nevada Open meeting law – at least once per month.

*Be it further enacted*, President's Cabinet meetings are also susceptible to this requirement.

*Be it further enacted*, the Attorney General will be tasked with ensuring that each department has met within a month's time in accordance with Nevada Open Meeting Law.

*Be it further enacted*, should a Department fail to meet within a month's time, the Attorney General may request an explanation be given by the Director at the next public meeting of the President's Cabinet.

*Be it further enacted*, the Director is also encouraged to notify the Senate that (a) the Department did not meet within the month, and (b) when their next Department meeting is scheduled.

*Be it further enacted*, this legislation be sent to the following:

- President, Dionne Stanfill
- Vice President, Jada Maglinao
- Chief of Staff, Ashley Martinez
- Attorney General, Brayden Taeubel
- Director of Clubs and Organizations, Tre Taylor

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- Director of Event Programming, Maria Zamudio
- Director of IDEA, Trace Wolfgang
- Director of Government Affairs, Amanda Vaskov

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## CHAPTER 201: OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

**SECTION 01: DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT**

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

- 1) To attend meetings of the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents.
- 2) To make all appointments to University Committees.
- 3) 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, the President may temporarily withhold appointment of executive officer(s) with a majority vote approval from the Senate of the Associated Students.
  - a. If an executive position is not hired in a two-week period, the Speaker of the Senate must place the question of appointment for 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.
- 4) To attend meetings of the Foundation Board of Trustees.
- 5) To attend meetings of the Alumni Association Council.
- 6) To communicate regularly with the President of the University and members of the University Administration.
- 7) To expend funds from the Capital Account and any existing ASUN accounts comprised of student fees, bookstore profits, grants, and revenues as allocated by the Senate.
- 8) Shall have the power to co-sponsor events through the Office of the President, subject to Senate funding.
- 9) To submit requests for positions necessary for the function of the Executive Branch at the time of presentation of the budget to the Senate for approval.
- 10) Shall have the power to issue proclamations, or opinions of the Office of the President.
- 11) To transmit to the Senate a statement showing the whole number of persons in each college and school, and the number of Representatives to which each college and school, and the number of the then existing number of Senators.
- 12) To set the guidelines for the executive training according to Title I.102.6.
- 13) To submit nominations to the Senate within two weeks of the President taking office for the following officers: Chief of Staff, Director of Programming, Director of Clubs and Organizations,

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Director of Legislative Affairs, Director of Campus and Public Relations, Director of Sustainability, Director of Campus Wellness, Attorney General, and Chief Justice.

14) To present a new appointment to the Senate within the following two weeks of said committee or Senate meeting if an executive appointment is reported unfavorably by the Senate committee on Oversight or if an appointee is not passed by the Senate, or in the event that the President is unable to find a qualified candidate within those two weeks, the President must present to the Committee on Oversight and explain the circumstances.

15) To report changes of signature authority at the Senate meeting immediately following.

16) To report to the Senate Committee on Budget and Finance when a temporary transfer from the Capital Fund is to be made, its purpose, and its expected duration before reversion with guidance from the Director of the Associated Students.

17) To prepare the budget according to Title VI.605.5.

18) To develop programs to improve the compilation, analysis, publication, and dissemination of statistical information by agencies in order to enhance fiscal efficiency.

19) To make a study of each agency to decide, and may send the Senate recommendations, on changes that should be made in:

- a. The organization, activities, and business methods of agencies;
- b. Agency appropriations;
- c. The assignment of particular activities to particular services; and
- d. Regrouping of services.

20) To evaluate and develop improved plans for the organization, coordination, and management of the executive branch of the Government.

21) To determine the design for the seal of the President.

22) To notify the Senate Committee on Academics and Student Affairs if the President formulates and publishes additional regulations as may be necessary to administer the scholarships funded by the Associated Students.

23) To establish a selection committee or delegate the administration to the Office of Financial Aid for the purpose of awarding the scholarship, in accordance with the terms of the scholarship when a scholarship is awarded by the Associated Students but has not been provided for in statute.

24) To ensure that the Office of Financial Aid promotes ASUN funded scholarships.

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- 25) To publish the names of the recipients of each scholarship awarded by the Associated Students in a medium that is suitable for the purpose of recognizing the recipients.
- 26) To review the ASUN Food Pantry Program prior to the approval of the budget for each fiscal year.
- 27) To have a report read or spoken into record at minimum every other Senate meeting.
- 28) To serve as a member of the University Leadership Alliance.
- 29) Responsible to attend all ASUN retreats, and trainings as decided by the Chief of Internal Affairs.
- 30) To chair and oversee all meetings of the President's Cabinet, which must occur at least once per month, with an agenda posted in accordance with Nevada Open Meeting Law.



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# CHAPTER 202: DEPARTMENT OF CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

## SECTION 03: DIRECTOR

### c) FUNCTIONS:

- 1) To present a new appointment to the Senate of the Associated Students within the following two weeks of said committee or Senate meeting if an executive appointment is reported unfavorably by the Senate Committee on Oversight or if an appointee is not passed by the Senate, or in the event that the President is unable to find a qualified candidate within those two weeks, the President must present to the Committee on Oversight and explain the circumstances.
- 2) To act as President if, by reason of death, resignation, removal from office, inability, or failure to qualify, there is no President, Vice President, or Speaker of the Senate to act as President.
- 3) To chair and oversee all meetings of the Department of Clubs and Organizations, which must occur at least once per month, with an agenda posted in accordance with Nevada Open Meeting Law.

## SECTION 04: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

### b) DUTIES:

- 1) The duties of the Assistant Director shall include but are not limited to the following:
  - i) To manage operations of ASUN Club Support Funding.
  - ii) To manage the budget of ASUN Club Support Funding.
  - iii) To track information and data related to the requesting, allocation, spending, remittance, and status of ASUN Club Support Funding by individual clubs and club coalitions.
  - iv) To assist the Director of Clubs and Organizations in account management and financial advisement of ASUN recognized clubs and organizations.
  - v) To act as a liaison between the Department, clubs, and SEAB.

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vi) To assume the duties and responsibilities of the Director in the Directors absence.

vii) To act as a liaison between the Department and Central Station.

viii) Any other duties as assigned by the Director.

ix) Responsible to attend all ASUN retreats, and trainings as decided by the Director of Clubs and Organizations and the Chief of Internal Affairs.

x) The Assistant Director shall be required to attend scheduled Department of Clubs and Organizations meetings, unless the presiding officer grants an excused absence prior to the meeting convening.

### **SECTION 04: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CLUB RENEWAL AND INTERNS**

#### **b) DUTIES:**

1) The duties of the Assistant Director shall include but are not limited to the following:

i) To oversee the club renewal process and delegate tasks to the commission.

ii) Work with the CSE Assistant Director of Clubs and Organizations as well as the Club Engagement Assistant in the club renewal process.

iii) Oversee the Department of Clubs and Organizations Internship Program.

iv) Any other duties assigned by the Director.

v) Responsible to attend all ASUN retrats, and trainings ad decided by the Director of Clubs and Organizations and the Chief of Internal Affairs.

vi) The Assistant Director shall be required to attend scheduled Department of Clubs and Organizations meetings, unless the presiding officer grants an excused absence prior to the meeting convening.

### **SECTION 08: COMMISSIONERS**

#### **b) GENERAL DUTIES:**

1) Commissioners shall act as liaisons for the clubs and organizations in their coalition(s) appointed by the Director and the Department.

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- 2) Commissioners shall review funding applications that have been submitted by clubs and organizations for Funding Hearings.
- 3) Commissioners shall attend weekly Department meetings to give a report on projects, initiatives, and general updates on their coalition(s).
- 4) Commissioners shall serve as a resource to club leaders in their coalition(s) for assistance with club recognition, club renewal, and funding.
- 5) Commissioners shall reach out to each club in their coalition in an attempt to attend meeting or activity per year at the discretion of the director of the Clubs and Organizations department.
- 6) Commissioners shall mentor and educate Department of Clubs and Organizations Intern(s) that the Interns are assigned to.
- 7) Commissioners are required to plan one (1) club event or fair for clubs and organizations within the officers assigned coalition at least once during the officer's term.
  - i. Example: The Commissioner in charge of Campus Life can plan a club fair for the art and music clubs and organizations within the coalition.
- 8) Commissioners shall be required to attend scheduled Department of Clubs and Organizations meetings, unless the presiding officer grants an excused absence prior to the meeting convening.

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# Chapter 202: DEPARTMENT OF EVENT PROGRAMMING

## SECTION 03: STRUCTURE

The Department of ASUN Programming shall consist of a Director, 2 Assistant Directors, and up to 8 programmers.

### e) DIRECTOR:

- 1) The Director shall be appointed by the President, with the consent of the Senate. 2) The Director, as the head of Department and shall have the direction, authority, and control over it.
- 3) The Director may delegate any of the Director's functions or duties to any other officer, of the Department.
- 4) The Director shall prepare a budget break-down for the Department for the anticipated major events of the year to be presented to the President.
- 5) The Director shall recommend to the President of the Association appointments of students to the Department.
- 6) The Director shall chair all meetings of the Department, which must occur at least once per month, with an agenda posted in accordance with Nevada Open Meeting Law.

### b) ASSISTANT DIRECTOR:

1) There shall be two Assistant Directors, which will be nominated by the Director with the consent of the Senate.

2) The Assistant Directors will act as proxies when the Director is absent.

- i) The Assistant Director will be responsible for all administrative duties, including accounting matters that pertain to the ASUN Event Programming Budget and filling out proper paperwork.
- ii) The Assistant Director will be responsible for all accounting matters that pertain to the ASUN Event Programming Budget.

3) There will be an Assistant Director of Budget and Assessment.

- i) The Assistant Director will be responsible for all administrative duties pertaining

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to the budget, including accounting matters and paperwork that pertains to the ASUN Event Programing Budget.

ii) The Assistant Director will serve as the representative from the Department at all Budget and Finance Meetings which pertain to the Department.

iii) The Assistant Director will perform assessments and collect data from implemented events at least three times during each academic semester. The Assistant Director will present new data to the Board.

iv) The Assistant Director will work with the Vice President to serve as a liaison between ASUN and Athletics.

### 3) There will be an Assistant Marketing and Interns.

- i. The Assistant Director shall plan, organize, and execute the curriculum of the Event Programing Internship Program. These responsibilities include, but are not limited to:
  - a. Reviewing applications, conducting interviews, and selecting candidates, with oversight of the Director, for the Event Programming Internship Program.
  - b. Produce the education components twice a month to include, but not be limited to: ASUN and university event programming policies, the duties, and abilities of Central Station, ASUN departments and positions, event resources on our campus, the services provided by the Center for Student Engagement, and the steps to plan and execute a programming event.
  - c. Scheduling presentations or guest speakers the increase the learning mission of the program.
  - d. Coordinating a “buddy system” where programmers are matched to mentor and educate Event Programing Intern(s).
- ii. The Assistant Director shall act as a liaison between the Department of Programming and Inkblot Promotions by:
  - a. Collecting event information form the Programming Board and submitting them to the inkblot account coordinator with accompanying design ideas.
  - b. Meeting regularly with the inkblot account coordinator to coordinate marketing for all events.
  - c. Giving input and updates to the designer throughout the entire design process.
  - d. Approving designs for print and distributing marketing materials accordingly.
  - e. Brainstorming and implementing new marketing tactics and ways to better inform the students about ASUN Programming events.

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5) Responsible to attend all ASUN retreats, and trainings as decided by the Director of Programming and the Chief of Internal Affairs.

6) The Assistant Directors shall be required to attend scheduled Department of Programming meetings, unless the presiding officer grants an excused absence prior to the meeting convening.

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# Chapter 205: ATTORNEY GENERAL

**SECTION 02: DUTIES**

The duties of the Attorney General are:

- 1) The Attorney General shall issue advisory opinions concerning the law, legislation, or any other act of the Association.
- 2) Copies of the Attorney General's opinions will be distributed to the President, Vice President, and all Senators. The opinions are to also be made available to anyone upon request.
- 3) All requests for the Attorney General to issue advisory opinions must be made in writing except those made on the Senate floor.
- 4) To update and distribute the Constitution for the purpose of engrossing any Constitutional Amendments as passed by the Association and approved by the Board of Regents. The Attorney General is designated the responsibility to publish current editions of the Associated Student's Constitution.
- 5) The Attorney General shall act as President if, by reason of death, resignation, removal from office, inability, or failure to qualify, there is no President, Vice President, Speaker of the Senate, Director of Clubs and Organizations, or Director of Programming to act as President.
- 6) The Attorney General shall investigate alleged violations of the Election Code and prosecute offenders before the Judicial Council.
- 7) The Attorney General shall prosecute any case, at the Attorney General's or Judicial Council's discretion, filed by a third party, even in cases where the plaintiff seeks to dismiss the charge.
- 8) The Attorney General shall act as the representative of the Director of Elections and Democratic Education before the ASUN Judicial Council.
- 9) The Attorney General shall ensure that all regulations concerning petitions are followed fully.
- 10) The Attorney General shall deliver and provide for all petitions (for each election) or for initiative and referendums to the President of the Associated Students and the Director of Elections and Democratic before the Candidates' Meeting.
- 11) The Attorney General shall assist any student interested in writing a petition for initiative and referendum.
- 12) The Attorney General shall certify that a petition question is an impartial and accurate description of the proposal and shall assign the petition an Official Name and Number, if the petition creates a law, prepare an Official Summary of the petition, to confer with the office of Legal Counsel or designee for approval of language on questions of student fees, and to create the petition and return to the Primary Proponent three (3) copies of the petition.
- 13) The Attorney General shall verify that there are a sufficient number of valid signatures on each petition, by checking the student status of each person who signed the petition, to immediately notify the Primary Proponent(s) if the verifying official discovers that the petition submitted lacks sufficient valid signatures, and to preserve the petition for the same time period as the Director of Elections and Democratic Education preserves

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the ballots for the election for which the petition qualified or attempted to qualify for placement on the ballot.

14) The Attorney General shall notify Candidates and all others cited of charges during elections.

15) The Attorney General shall supervise ballot tabulation.

16) The Attorney General shall release the election results as soon as possible.

17) The Attorney General shall attend or send a representative to all physical polling locations and places where ballots are kept and tabulated, provided such representative is not a candidate or agent in the election.

18) To carry out such other functions and duties as required under the constitution and laws.

19) The Attorney General shall not prosecute any case to which the Attorney General is a party or in which the Attorney General has an interest in the outcome as described in subsection 3, Title III, Chapter 302, Rule 3a. When such a conflict occurs, the Chair of Government Operations shall act as a special prosecutor to act as and perform the elections duties of the Attorney General insofar as the Attorney General's conflict is concerned.

20) To have a report read or spoken into record at minimum every other Senate meeting.

21) Responsible to attend all ASUN retreats, and trainings as decided by the President and the Chief of Internal Affairs.

22) The Attorney General shall serve as ex-officio member on the Senate Committee on Government Operations.

23) Organize trainings and continue to provide education on Nevada Open Meeting Law for the Association.

24) Ensure Nevada Open Meeting Law is followed and work with Officers to correct any violations.

a) To cancel meetings that have violated Nevada Open Meeting Law.

b) In the cancellation notice, the Attorney General must list what violation(s) occurred.

c) The Attorney General must send a meeting cancellation notice no later than twenty-four hours before the meeting is to take place.

25) The cancellation notice must be sent to the presiding officer and Secretary of the Senate.

26) To invalidate meetings that have been conducted and violated Nevada Open Meeting Law.

a) In the invalidation notice, the Attorney General must list the violation(s) that occurred.

b) The invalidation notice must be sent to the presiding officer and the Secretary of the Senate.

27) Ensure that Executive Department Heads are hosting regular meetings in accordance with Nevada Open Meeting Law at least once per month.



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# Chapter 206: DEPARTMENT OF IDEA

**SECTION 04: DIRECTOR**

## c) DUTIES:

- 1) The Director shall chair and oversee the Department of IDEA.
- 2) The Director shall chair and oversee the Diversity Advisory Board, composed of representatives both on and on campus that represent diverse segments of the community.
- 3) The Director shall develop relationships with and meet regularly with leaders ranging from, but not limited to multicultural, religious, and social justice related student organizations.
- 4) The Director shall provide advice and recommendations to ASUN officers to create a more inclusive environment within the Association.
- 5) The Director may delegate any of the Director's functions to any other officer, employee, or organizational unit of the Department.
- 6) The Director shall serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Senate Committee on IDEA, and may designate a different officer of the department to attend and serve in that capacity in their absence.
- 7) The Director shall present a new appointment to the Senate within the following two weeks of said committee or Senate meeting. If an executive appointment is reported unfavorably by the Senate committee on Oversight, if an appointee is not passed by the Senate, or if Director is unable to find a qualified candidate within two weeks, the Director must present to the Committee on Oversight and explain the circumstances.
- 8) The Director shall meet at least once per semester with the University's Chief Diversity Officer.
- 9) The Director shall appoint members of the Department to serve as liaison to the Center for Cultural Diversity, Disability Resource Center, Veterans Services, Office of International Students and Scholars, USAC, McNair Scholars, Dean's Future Scholars, Gear Up, and TRiO Scholars, and First in the Pack.
- 10) Oversee the planning and coordination of said events.
- 11) Serve on university committees relating to campus diversity and inclusion.
- 12) Convey to the Senate of the Associated Students information and data related to the status of minority student enrollment and participation in campus activities.

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13) To have a report read or spoken into record at minimum every other Senate meeting.

14) Responsible to attend all ASUN retreats, and trainings as decided by the President and the Chief of Internal Affairs.

15) To chair and oversee all meetings of the Department of IDEA, which must occur at least once per month, with an agenda posted in accordance with Nevada Open Meeting Law.

### **SECTION 05: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR**

There shall be an Assistant IDEA, nominated by the Director, with the consent of the Senate

#### **DUTIES:**

The Assistant Director Shall:

- 1) Help coordinate and oversee the logistics, programming, research, and policy analysis of the Department.
- 2) The Assistant Director shall be required to attend scheduled Department of IDEA meetings unless the presiding officer grants an excused absence prior to the meeting convening, and run department meetings in the absence of or at the request of the Director.

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# Chapter 208: THE DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

## SECTION 03: STRUCTURE

### a) IN GENERAL:

There is a Director of Government Affairs, appointed by the President, with the consent of the Senate.

### b) HEAD OF DEPARTMENT:

The Director is the head of the Department and shall have direction and authority over it.

### c) FUNCTIONS:

- 1) The Director shall provide non-partisan advice to the President, and frame recommendations for the President to advance student interests.
- 2) The Director shall coordinate with the Vice President of Government and Community Engagement, or equivalent person, for the University of Nevada.
- 3) The Director may delegate any of the Director's functions to any other officer, employee, or organizational unit of the Department. All other officers shall be appointed by the Director.
- 4) The Director must attend all Committee on Democratic Civic Engagement meetings or must designate the Assistant Director to attend in their absence.
- 5) The Director shall present a new appointment to the Senate within the following two weeks of said committee or Senate meeting if an executive appointment is reported unfavorably by the Senate committee on Oversight or if an appointee is not passed by the Senate, or in the event that the Director is unable to find a qualified candidate within those two weeks, the Director must present to the Committee on Oversight and explain the circumstances.
- 6) The Director shall act as President if, by reason of death, resignation, removal from office, inability, or failure to qualify, there is no President, Vice President, Speaker of the Senate, Director of Clubs and Organizations, Director of Programming, Attorney General, or Director of Public and Campus Relations to act as President.
- 7) To have a report read or spoken into record at minimum every other Senate meeting.
- 8) Responsible to attend all ASUN retreats, and trainings as decided by the President and the Chief of Internal Affairs.
- 9) The Director should be consulted before any officer communicated with a government official in their official capacity as an ASUN Officer. Whenever possible, the Director should be included in communications with government officials or informed as soon as possible. This serves to streamline communication and preserve the reputation of the Association.

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- 10) To chair and oversee all meetings of the Department of Government Affairs, which must occur at least once per month, with an agenda posted in accordance with Nevada Open Meeting Law.

### SECTION 04: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

#### b) DUTIES:

The Assistant Director shall:

- 1) Help coordinate and oversee the logistics, programming, research, and policy analysis of the Department.
- 2) Serve as support in conducting student-led lobbying efforts at all levels of government.
- 3) Act as the Director of Legislative Affairs in the absence of or at the request of the Director.
- 4) Plan, organize, and execute the curriculum of the Government Relations Internship Program to include:
  - o i) Producing the education components twice a semester to include sentiments such as:  
Policy Analysis, Student-led lobbying efforts, the Nevada Legislature and State Government Structure, Voter Registration, History of Nevada Politics, Policies that have impacted Higher Education, the Board of Regents, ASUN governing documents, data analysis, time management, leadership skills, and other topics related thereto.
  - o ii) Presentations or guest speakers that increase the learning mission of the program.
  - o iii) Coordinating a system where interns will report to the officer in the Department of Government Affairs that the Assistant Director of Government Affairs deems appropriate.
- 5) Responsible to attend all ASUN retreats, and trainings as decided by the Director of Legislative Affairs and the Chief of Internal Affairs.
- 6) The Assistant Director shall be required to attend scheduled Department of Government Affairs meetings unless the presiding officer grants an excused absence prior to the meeting convening.

### SECTION 05: DEPARTMENT COMPOSITION

#### a) POLICY DIRECTOR AND ADVOCACY DIRECTOR

- 1) There is a Policy Director, nominated by the Director, with the consent of the Senate, and a  
Policy Analyst, nominated by the Director, with the consent of the Senate.
- 2) The Policy Director shall develop strategic short-term and long-term policies for appropriate bodies to consider. The Policy Director shall keep the Director of Legislative Affairs apprised of Local, State, Federal, and Global policy as instructed by the Director of Legislative Affairs.
- 3) The Policy Director shall routinely send out policy briefs and a newsletter detailing relevant news events on the local, state, federal, and global level.

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4) The Advocacy Director will track the legislative process, sit in on external meetings, and connect students to their representatives to voice their opinions, The Advocacy Director will register as a lobbyist during school years which the Nevada State legislature will be in session. The Policy Director and Advocacy Director will work under the direction of the Government Affairs Director to identify opportunities for advocacy on relevant issues.

5) The Policy Director and Advocacy Director shall be required to attend scheduled Department of Government Affairs meetings unless the presiding officer grants an excused absence prior to the meeting convening.

### b) PROJECTS DIRECTOR AND STUDENT OUTREACH COORDINATOR

1) There is a Projects Director, nominated by the Director, with the consent of the Senate, and a Student Outreach Coordinator, nominated by the Director, with the consent of the Senate.

2) The Projects Director shall coordinate and organize any grassroots events, voter registration drives, and efforts to educate and empower students. The Projects Coordinator shall assist the Projects Director in their efforts.

3) The Student Outreach Coordinator shall facilitate and organize efforts to gauge students and interests in opinions on various issues. They should lead department outreach efforts such as but not limited to student town halls, tabling, and discussions. Additionally, they should assist the Projects Director to ensure events are representative and inclusive of all students' interests.

4) The Student Outreach Coordinator and Advocacy Director shall work together to provide opportunities for student involvement in the legislative process.

5) The Projects Director and Student Outreach Coordinator shall be required to attend scheduled Department of Government Affairs meetings unless the presiding officer grants an excused absence prior to the meeting convening.

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90TH SESSION  
2022-2023

# **S. Res. 90 – An Act To Update the Chief of Staff and Chief of Internal Affairs Duties and Titles**

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IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

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MARCH 21, 2023

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR SALAH ON BEHALF OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF ASHLEY MARTINEZ AND VICE  
PRESIDENT JADA MAGLINAO

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## **An Act To Update The Chief of Staff and Chief of Internal Affairs Duties and Titles**

*Whereas*, the existing roles of the Chief of Staff and Chief of Internal Affairs serve to assist the President and Vice President as well as the Executive branch through the President's Cabinet;

*Whereas*, the Chief of Staff and Chief of Internal Affairs have consistently worked together throughout the 90th Session but are not currently required to do so;

*Whereas*, support to the President and Vice President is broad and requires specific tasks that can be completed with the support split among the two officers;

*Whereas*, the Chief of Staff and Chief of Internal Affairs held 2-on-1 meetings with officers at the start of the 90th Session to understand the expectations and goals of officers across the Association;

*Whereas*, the Chief of Staff and Chief of Internal Affairs are currently scheduling exit interviews with executive officers and departments to conclude the 90th Session as a way to prepare transition documents for the following session;

*Whereas*, an endowment fund is distributed from the income earned on an initial principal made and continues to perpetually give;

*Whereas*, a fundraiser has proved itself to be beyond the capacity of a student officer across sessions and potentially expensive to the Association;

*Whereas*, the John Mackay Endowment Fund has not been distributed in recent years by an officer of the Association;

*Whereas*, the University of Nevada's Human Resources department no longer promotes the use of the word "chief" in job postings due to its association with cultural appropriation;

*Be it enacted*, the Chief of Staff title is revised to be Director of Executive Affairs;

*Be it further enacted*, the Chief of Internal Affairs is revised to be Director of Executive Outreach;

*Be it further enacted*, the new titles be reflected throughout the Statues of the Associated Students (SAS);

*Be it further enacted*, the changes included in Addendum A be adopted into the Statues of the Associated Students (SAS);

*Be it further enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students*, this legislation shall be sent to the following individuals:

- Dionne Stanfill, ASUN President
- Dr. Sandra Rodriguez, Director of ASUN
- Boris Carpio Guerra, ASUN President-elect

## Addendum A

### SECTION 03: CHIEF OF STAFF DIRECTOR OF EXECUTIVE AFFAIRS

a) ESTABLISHMENT: There is hereby established an office of Chief of Staff Director of Executive Affairs who shall be appointed by the President with the consent of the Senate.

b) DUTIES:

- 1) To assist the President and the Vice President at their discretion.
- 2) To serve as an advisor to the ASUN President and President's Cabinet regarding all executive matters.
- 3) Act as a representative of the President and Vice President of ASUN when necessary.
- 4) Coordinate resources of ASUN and departments in order to ensure the goals of the Association are met alongside the Chief of Internal Affairs. Alongside the Director of Executive Outreach, organize and execute introductory meetings with officers and departments as well as exit interviews.
- 5) Oversee the logistics of ASUN internship process to coordinate marketing to the student body. The Chief of Staff Director of Executive Affairs shall review internship candidates for eligibility with the assistants of the Administrative Faculty of the Center for Student Engagement and distribute among departments for further review.
- 6) Plan, organize, and execute the curriculum of the Executive Internship Program at their discretion.
- 7) To have a report read or spoken into the record at minimum every other Senate meeting.

### SECTION 04: CHIEF OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR OF EXECUTIVE OUTREACH

a) ESTABLISHMENT: There is hereby established an office of Chief of Internal Affairs Director of Executive Affairs who shall be appointed by the President with the consent of the Senate.



## b) DUTIES:

- 1) To assist the Vice President at their discretion.
- 2) To serve as an advisor to the ASUN President and President's Cabinet regarding all executive event planning.
- 3) Act as a representative of the President and Vice President of ASUN when necessary.
- 24) Oversee and plan internal operations of the Executive Branch at the request of the President including but not limited to: ASUN Retreat, trainings, and the annual ASUN Banquet.
  - a. Ensure that all positions that require ASUN retreats, and trainings are in attendance and/or excused.
  - b. Excuse absences include all University recognized attendance exemptions, as well as special circumstances under the jurisdiction of the Chief of Staff Director of Executive Outreach
- 35) Coordinate resources of ASUN and departments in order to ensure the goals of the Association are met alongside the Chief of Staff. Alongside the Director of Executive Affairs, organize and execute introductory meetings with officers and departments as well as exit interviews.
- 46) Responsible to evaluate the efficacy and utility, through documented assessments, of the events thrown with funds from the executive account.
- 5) Plan and coordinate at least one fundraiser for the ASUN John Mackay Endowment Fund.
- 67) To have a report read or spoken into the record at minimum every other Senate Meeting.

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

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

**S. B. 90 -  
AN ACT TO CREATE SUSTAINABLE  
EVENT BEST-PRACTICES**

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IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

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FEBRUARY 2023

SUBMITTED BY SENATORS NOBLE, BRYAN, DIRECTORS ZAMUDIO & ROWE

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**AN ACT TO Create Sustainable Event Best-Practices**

1       *Whereas*, the mission of the Associated Students includes promoting sustainable practices, and  
2 preserving our campus community environment;

3       *Whereas*, adherence to sustainable event practices help accomplish this mission;

4       *Whereas*, the planning and execution of ASUN sponsored events is an essential part of the  
5 Association's identity and the culture of our campus;

6       *Whereas*, in the past ASUN sponsored events have not incorporated sustainable practices;

7       *Whereas*, under Director Zamudio, the department of event programming has implemented  
8 numerous sustainable event best practices

9       *Whereas*, these changes have led to a net reduction in the amount of waste generated from  
10 events;

1        *Whereas*, a continuation of these practices will ensure that all ASUN events are aligned with the  
2 values of the association

3        *Be it enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students*, that the Statutes of the Associated Students and  
4 the ASUN Code of Ethics shall reflect the changes in Addendums A & B Respectively;

5        *Be it further enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students*, that the head of each branch of  
6 government shall send a memo to the members of their respective branches informing them of the  
7 changes;

8        *Be it further enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students*, this legislation shall be sent to the  
9 following individuals:

- 10            • Dionne Stanfill, ASUN President
- 11            • Sandra Rodriguez, Director of ASUN
- 12            • Andrew Thompson, Speaker of the Senate
- 13            • Zane Taylor, Chief Justice

Addendum A:

# TITLE XXX: Event Sustainability Best-Practices

## CHAPTER 3001: Event Sustainability Best-Practices

### SECTION 01: ESTABLISHMENT

There is hereby established the ASUN Event Sustainability Best Practices.

### SECTION 02: PURPOSE

The purpose of the ASUN Event Sustainability Best Practices is to ensure that officers of the Association continue to engage in sustainable practices while planning and executing events.

### SECTION 03: Sustainability Checklist

All officers of the Association in any stage of planning or executing an event, shall attempt in good faith and to the best of their ability, to adhere to the following sustainability practices:

- a) Officers shall utilize sustainable, recyclable, and/or biodegradable sources for single use products.
  - i) This includes but shall not be limited to: utensils, plates, cups, napkins etc.
  - ii) In the event that more need to be purchased, the Chief of Internal Affairs shall order these items early and in bulk to make the most effective use of our budgetary constraints.
- b) Officers shall where possible reuse any multi-use materials.
  - i) This includes but shall not be limited to: decorations, table clothes, tables, etc.
- c) Officers shall avoid purchasing or utilizing non sustainable materials such as styrofoam, non-recyclable plastics, etc.
- d) Officers shall make the maximal use of resources that have been provided to them.
  - i) Officers shall break down cardboard and stack any waste to maximize space and reduce trash bag consumption.
  - ii) Officers shall make a good faith effort to utilize left-over supplies before purchasing new ones.
- e) Officers shall proceed with consciousness of future sustainability needs.
  - i) Officers shall when designing and purchasing new event materials attempt to bolster the re-usability of these products.
  - ii) For re-occurring events, officers shall refrain from including dates or locations on their physical marketing materials so that they may be re-used in the future.
- f) Officers shall embed the practices and principles of sustainability within the structure of their events
  - i) Officers shall consider shifting their programs away from materialistic and unsustainable rewards and elevate experience centric events.
  - ii) Officers shall attempt to provide sustainable and environmentally friendly

resources to reduce students' personal usage of more costly and less sustainable alternatives.

- g) Officers shall seriously consider and make attempts to redress any foreseeable sustainability problems.

#### **SECTION 04: Adherence**

Officers shall attempt in good faith to adhere to all of the above stipulations. This shall apply only to instances where supplies are available, affordable, possible, and necessary. Once all reasonable attempts to comply have been exhausted, officers shall be free to proceed unencumbered. This imperative shall be reflected in the ASUN code of ethics. Any questions or points of confusion for these standards are to be resolved with the Director of Sustainability.

#### Addendum B:

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 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.
- 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.

j) Comply with the Event Sustainability best Practices of the Statutes of the Associated Students

#### **SECTION 6: ACCOUNTABILITY**

- a) Active officers shall hold themselves 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) Keep the student interest in mind when voting and consult with constituents on matters that are to be voted on in the Senate when appropriate.

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

90th SESSION  
2022-2023

**S. B. Res. 90 -**  
**A Binding Resolution to Create a Permanent  
Liaison Position for the Path To Independence  
Program**

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IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

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MARCH 8, 2022

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR GALVEZ AND SENATOR ZHELEZNYAKOVA  
TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

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**A Resolution to Create a Permanent Liaison Position for the Path to  
Independence Program**

1       *Whereas*, Path to Independence (P2I) is an inclusive, two-year, non-degree certificate program  
2       established in 2013 offering a college experience to students with intellectual disabilities;

3       *Whereas*, The non-degree certificate program offers participants two years in college, with access  
4       to the same classes as undergraduate students;

5       *Whereas*, all students within the P2I program are required to pay the Associated Students UN  
6       fee, \$6.10 per undergraduate credit;

7       *Whereas*, although they pay this fee, they are not represented by any senator within the Senate of  
8       Associated Students;



1       *Whereas*, Senator Galvez of the 90th Session acts as the liaison between ASUN and P2I through  
2 the committee on IDEA;

3       *Whereas*, With no mention in the Statutes of the Associated Students, nor the 90th Session Rules  
4 of the Senate, the P2I program would likely go without representation in future sessions without the  
5 codification of a liaison position;

6       *Be it resolved*, The changes in Addendum A be made to the 90th Session Rules of the Senate;

7       *Be it further resolved*, This resolution be sent to the following individuals;

- 8               • Donald Easton-Brooks,  
9               Dean of the College of Education and Human Development  
10              • Jessica Keefhaver, Director for Path to Independence  
11              • Dionne Stanfill, ASUN President

1 Addendum A:

## 2 **Rule X: STANDING COMMITTEE DUTIES**

### 3 d) **Committee on IDEA**

4 The Committee on IDEA shall be responsible for policies concerning the Association as it relates to  
5 matters of diversity, equity, and inclusion. Members of the committee are expected to advocate on  
6 behalf of underrepresented groups, address student concerns within its jurisdiction, and, in addition  
7 to Senators added pursuant to Rule IX of the Rules of the Senate, will also consist of the Director of  
8 Diversity and Inclusion who shall serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the committee. In  
9 conjunction with the ASUN Department of Diversity and Inclusion, Office of the University  
10 Diversity and Inclusion Officer, Student Services' First-Generation Student Center, The Center,  
11 Every Student. Every Story., Disability Resource Center, the Hate and Bias Response Team, Veteran  
12 Services, the Office of International Students and Scholars, and any additional departments or  
13 organizations that share the committee's mission, the Committee on IDEA shall be provided to the  
14 aforementioned departments and organizations at the discretion of the committee.

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16 One member of the committee shall be designated to serve as the liaison to the Path to  
17 Independence Program. The committee chair must serve with the committee chair serving as liaison  
18 to the Faculty Senate committee with similar jurisdiction, as well as the Equity and Inclusion  
19 Committee within the University Office of Diversity and Inclusion.

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

90th SESSION  
2022-2023

**S. B. 90-**  
**AN ACT REVISING ELECTION**  
**PUNITIVE PROCESSES**

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IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

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February 2023

Sponsored by Senator Kuhl on behalf of Attorney General Taeubel and Chief Justice Taylor

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**An Act Revising Election Punitive Processes**

1       *Whereas*, the ASUN Judicial Council has received an elections complaint that were not fully informed,  
2   and<sup>1</sup>;  
3       *Whereas*, the uniformed complaint was dismissed by the Judicial Council<sup>1</sup>;  
4       *Whereas*, SAS VII.702.13(h) requires the Judicial Council to consider a charge without a  
5   predetermination of charge filing from the Attorney General nor the Directors of Election<sup>2</sup>;

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<sup>1</sup> [https://de5u0yfu98nbk.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Fixed\\_Taeubel-v.-Guerra-Alquiza-Notice.pdf](https://de5u0yfu98nbk.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Fixed_Taeubel-v.-Guerra-Alquiza-Notice.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> [https://de5u0yfu98nbk.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/90\\_SAS\\_10-14-22.pdf](https://de5u0yfu98nbk.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/90_SAS_10-14-22.pdf)

1           *Whereas*, the case Taeubel v. Martin saw the absence of both the Attorney General and the Chair for  
2 the Senate Standing Committee on Government Operations due to a conflict of interest and an unavoidable  
3 scheduling conflict<sup>3</sup> ;

4           *Whereas*, the Co-Directors of Elections filed the complaint against Candidate Joel Martin in the case  
5 of Taeubel v. Martin<sup>3</sup>;

6           *Whereas*, the ASUN Chief Justice allowed the Co-Directors to prosecute their own case since  
7 neither statutorily required spokespersons were available, allowed by SAS III.301.4(b)<sup>3, 2</sup>;

8           *Be it enacted*, SAS Titles III and VII are updated to reflect Addendum A;

9           *Be it further enacted*, this law will enter into force upon the conclusion of the 2024 ASUN General  
10 Election as required in SAS VII.702.15(e(2));

11           *Be it further enacted*, that this legislation be sent to the following:

- 12           • ASUN Co-Directors of Elections, Samuel Kahnke and Liesel Kemmelmeier
- 13           • CSE Director, Dr. Sandra Rodriguez
- 14           • ASUN Chief Justice, Zane Taylor
- 15           • ASUN Attorney General, Brayden Taeubel.

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<sup>3</sup> [https://de5u0yfu98nbk.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Fixed\\_Majority-Taeuebl-v.-Martin.pdf](https://de5u0yfu98nbk.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Fixed_Majority-Taeuebl-v.-Martin.pdf)

1 ADDENDUM A

2 TITLE III: THE  
3 JUDICIAL BRANCH  
4 CHAPTER 302: THE JUDICIAL  
5 RULES OF PROCEDURE

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7 **SECTION 01: ESTABLISHMENT OF RULES**

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9 Rule 3: Pre-Hearing Procedures

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11 4) TYPES OF HEARINGS:

12 i) GENERAL HEARING:

13 For a general hearing, the hearing shall take place no sooner than seven business days  
14 after the case is accepted and no later than fourteen business days after the day of  
15 acceptance.

16 ii) EXPEDITED HEARING:

17 Any form of hearing may proceed according to an expedited schedule if the Council  
18 deems it necessary. The hearing will take place after all parties have been notified;  
19 however, the hearing must take place within seven business days after a case has been  
20 accepted.

21 iii) HEARINGS OF ELECTION CODE VIOLATIONS

22 Any Judicial case that is a violation of SAS Title VII.702 - Elections Code shall be  
23 subject to all procedures listed in SAS VII.702.13(h) - Filing a Complaint.

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# TITLE VII: ELECTIONS

## CHAPTER 701: ELECTIONS

### SECTION 01: ESTABLISHMENT

There are hereby established elections of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada.

### SECTION 02: MISSION

The mission of the facilitation of elections is to provide for a fair and efficient election for the Association. The facilitation of elections provides an avenue for motivated Nevada students to start their understanding of a career in public service. Students become engaged locally as well as nationally and are instilled with a deep sense of leadership and civic responsibility that contributes to the development of engaged citizens.

### SECTION 03: FACILITATION

The facilitation of elections of the Association shall be implemented collectively by Director of Elections and Democratic Education hired by the Center for Student Engagement as well as the Attorney General of the Association.

### SECTION 04: COMPOSITION OF DUTIES

The Attorney General shall be involved in the ASUN Election Process with their following duties outlined in Chapter 205: Attorney General.

The following shall be considered the duties of the Director of Elections and Democratic Education:

- a) To execute and oversee the facilitation of the elections that are in accordance with the Election Code and the Association's Constitution.
- b) To refer all Election Code violations to the Judicial Council for adjudication,
- c) To facilitate the logistics of elections, including but not limited to outreach, planning workshops, building connections for the betterment of the elections, and ensuring elections are fair, equal, inclusive, and democratic.
- d) To plan all dates, deadlines, finance dues, marketing, and initiatives pertaining to elections.
  - a. The Director must include the date of the mandatory candidates meeting as well as the date of the mandatory retreat as decided by the Chief of Staff in the candidates' packet.
- e) To create programming and initiatives that aims to educate students about democratic engagement in local, state, and national politics.

1           f) To prosecute violations of this title in the absence of the Attorney General, Chair for the  
2           Senate Committee on Government Operations, or a designated spokesperson thereof.  
3       The position is to be hired by the Center for Student Engagement Professional Staff. Updates to  
4       duties in their position shall be reflected and amended in this section.  
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## CHAPTER 702: ELECTIONS CODE

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### SECTION 13: CAMPAIGN RULES

#### a) NO MALICIOUS ASSAULT:

The purpose of this subsection is to hold candidates and petitioners responsible for malicious assault on the most fundamental foundation of democracy, and to define and provide equitable remedy for the same. Any person, candidate, proponent, or opponent of a petition found before the ASUN Judicial Council to have committed a malicious assault on the most fundamental foundation of democracy through the following act shall be subject to punishment by the guidelines as set forth by the Election Code:

- 1) Interfering with the proper tallying of votes.

#### b) NO ETHICAL BREACHES:

The purpose of this subsection is to hold candidates and petitioners responsible for serious ethical breaches, which threaten the validity of the ASUN's commitment to fairness, democracy, and the legal institutions empowered to protect that democracy, as well as to define and provide equitable remedy for the same. For this reason, any person, candidate, proponent, or opponent of a petition found before the ASUN Judicial Council to have committed the serious ethical breaches stated in this section through the following acts shall be subject to punishment by the guidelines as set forth by this Election Code:

- 1) Willfully violating a lawful order from the ASUN Judicial Council or the Director of Elections and Democratic Education.
- 2) Intentionally falsifying information on any forms, or in the Voters' Guide.
- 3) Refusing to appear before the ASUN Judicial Council, if subpoenaed by the Council; the candidate shall be exempt from appearing before the Council if the candidate can show a valid excuse. It shall be the Judicial Council's obligation to ascertain the validity of any claim as to the above.
- 4) Soliciting unpaid political advertising in an ASUN-Sponsored Publication.
- 5) Using ASUN authority, facilities, funds, or resources for campaign purposes, including for long term or bulk storage of campaign materials without prior consent.
- 6) Knowingly and actively campaigning within 25 feet of a polling location on the day of an ASUN election.
- 7) Badgering or threatening witnesses subpoenaed for a Judicial Council hearing or Judicial Council members.
- 8) Obstructing an investigation by the Attorney General.
- 9) Exceeding the campaign finance spending limits as defined in the Election Code.
- 10) Potential violation of an election rule announced by the Residence Hall

Association or Department of Residential Life, Housing and Food Services.

#### c) INTERFERING AND SAFETY:

The purpose of this subsection is to hold candidates and petitioners responsible for interfering with the mission of the ASUN, and for threatening the safety of the campus, and to define and provide equitable remedy for the same. For this reason, any person, candidate, proponent, or opponent of a petition found before the ASUN Judicial Council to have interfered with the mission of the ASUN or threatened the safety of the campus through the following acts shall be subject to punishment by the guidelines as set forth by the Election Code:

- 1) Willfully destroying, defacing, covering, moving or removing from their places, posters, signs, banners, leaflets or flyers of ASUN groups or business operations which bring revenue to the ASUN.

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- 2) Willfully destroying, defacing, covering, moving or removing from their places, posters, signs, banners, leaflets or flyers which advertise functions, meetings, events, or existence of ASUN sponsored student groups and publications.
- 3) Willfully destroying, defacing, covering, moving or removing from their places, posters, signs, banners, leaflets or flyers of other candidates for office in the ASUN Election.
- 4) Persistently blocking any entrance or tight space, or otherwise significantly restricting the flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic on campus.

d) VIOLATIONS OF INTERNAL PROCESSES:

The purpose of this subsection is to hold candidates and petitioners responsible for violations of important legal protocols which transcend the internal processes of the ASUN, and to define and provide equitable remedy for the same. For this reason, any person, candidate, proponent or opponent of a petition found before the ASUN Judicial Council to have committed violations of important legal protocols through the following acts shall be subject to punishment by the guidelines as set forth by the Election Code:

- 1) Filing malicious, frivolous, or bad faith charges against any candidate.
- 2) If another candidate engages a third party to file such charges, both parties shall be held responsible.
- 3) Using e-mail lists or posting boards to campaign, with spam, which is defined as e-mail that does not meet any of the following conditions:
  - a. The author has a pre-existing relationship with the recipient(s).
  - b. The author has permission from the leadership of the organization.
  - c. The author is a member of the organization.
- 4) Candidates may share endorsements of themselves or any other candidate in-person or online without penalty.
- 5) Claiming an endorsement of an individual, group, or party without consent. Candidates should, but are not required to, obtain endorsements in writing.

e) VIOLATIONS OF ELECTIONS CODE, CANDIDATE'S PACKET. OR UNIVERSITY GUIDELINES:

The purpose of this subsection is to hold candidates, and petitioners responsible for violations of ASUN Elections Protocol and of University Guidelines, and to provide equitable remedy for the same. For this reason, any person, candidate, proponent or opponent of a petition found before the ASUN Judicial Council to have committed violations of ASUN Elections Protocol and of University Guidelines through the following acts shall be subject to punishment by the guidelines as set forth by the Election Code:

- 1) Candidates are required to adhere to the University of Nevada, Reno's Student Code of Conduct. If the code of conduct is violated offenders will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct by CSE Professional Staff.
- 2) Failing to file a copy of all campaign material prior to the dissemination of the campaign material.
- 3) Failing to submit a copy of all campaign materials (i.e., printed materials, digital assets, website URLs, social media accounts, social media ads, etc.,) prior to distributing, publishing, or posting the campaign material.
- 4) Campaigning prior to the campaign start date as stated in the Candidate's Packet.
- 5) Willfully placing campaign material in any University building, including classrooms, libraries, bathrooms, and on chalkboards, but excluding the posting of campaign material on public access bulletin boards and kiosks within University buildings.
- 6) Failing to attend and participate in the Mandatory Clean-up day that shall be established by the Director of Elections and Democratic Education on the Saturday following the election, unless campaign materials are cleaned up prior to the Clean-up day.
- 7) Claiming endorsements without bearing the disclaimer, "Titles for Identification Purposes Only" in the same size font as the majority of the text of the endorsements is written.

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- 8) Failure to attend and participate in the Mandatory Clean-up day that shall be established by the Director of Elections and Democratic Education on the Saturday following the election, unless campaign materials are cleaned up prior to the Clean-up day. 9) Failure to attend and/or send a proxy to the Mandatory Candidate's meeting.
  - 10) Claiming endorsements without bearing the disclaimer, "Titles for Identification Purposes Only" in the same size font as the majority of the text of the endorsements is written. Excludes retweets, likes, reshares, comments, etc., on social media platforms.
  - 11) Failing to submit campaign finance receipts, as required by Section 20.
  - 12) Interfering with, or campaigning within 10 feet of any of the Center for Student Engagement or the University's official sandwich boards or banners.
  - 13) Unintentionally falsifying information on any forms or in the Voters' Guide. 14) Failure to meet the deadline for withdrawal.
- f) TEMPORARY RULES:
- 1) Temporary rules may be implemented by the Center for Student Engagement Staff where an urgent situation necessitates temporary additions, amendments, or a suspension of a portion of the Election Code, provided all candidates are affected equally.
  - 2) A Temporary Rule shall not take effect until approved by a majority vote of the ASUN Judicial Council with at least three (3) members present.
  - 3) These new rules must be sent electronically to each candidate and posted in a designated area of the Joe Crowley Student Union so that all candidates have access to them.
- g) CONDUCT OF CAMPAIGN:
- 1) It is the intent of this subsection to hold a candidate responsible for violations committed by the candidate's agents if those agents are involved in that general area of the campaign.
  - 2) A candidate shall be charged with violating Campaign Rules if an agent of the candidate acting on the candidate's authority violates Campaign Rules.
  - 3) The alleged violation shall be referred to Judicial Council for adjudication upon review and submission by the ASUN Attorney General and Director of Elections and Democratic Engagement
  - 4) If any Proponent of a petition is found to have violated the Election Code, the petition shall be assessed the corresponding sanction, up to and including the disqualification of the petition.
- h) FILING A COMPLAINT
- 1) If a candidate is found and/or suspected of violating any provision of the Elections Code, Candidate's Packet, ASUN Constitution and/or Bylaws a ~~compliant~~ complaint against the candidate can be submitted using the online Election Complaint Form.
    - a. The Director of Elections and Democratic Education shall not file a case using the complaint form, but defer to filing a charge sheet directly with the Judicial Council after consulting with the Attorney General.
  - 2) The Director of Elections and Democratic Education shall receive all Election Complaint forms and forward each complaint to the ~~Chief Justice and~~ Attorney General no later than two (2) business days, from the date the complaint was submitted.
  - 3) The Attorney General shall be responsible for notifying all parties included in the complaint no later than two (2) business days, from the date the complaint was received by the Attorney General. Notification shall at least include statement of complaint submitted with the online Election Complaint Form.
  - 4) The Director of Elections and Democratic Education shall consider, no later than two (2) business days from the date the complaint was submitted, if the Attorney General files a charge.
  - 5) The Attorney General shall submit a corresponding charge sheet to the Judicial Council, if review by the Attorney General in addition to recommendation by the Director of Elections

1 and Democratic Education deems Judicial Council action is needed. This shall happen no  
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3 than two (2) business days from the referral of the Director. The charge sheet shall be 3  
4 accompanied by the full text of the online Election Complaint submission including, but  
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6 limited to:

7 a. Complainant name

8 b. Date of alleged violation

9 c. Time of alleged violation

10 d. Location of alleged violation

11 e. Statement of complaint

12 f. Statement confirming the complaint is filed in good faith and will be handled in  
13 accordance with this title of the Statutes of the Associated Students.

14 6) The Judicial Council shall review the ~~complaint~~ charge sheet submitted by the Attorney 13  
15 General and decide whether to accept the case within five (5) business days of receiving the

16 ~~complaint~~ charge sheet.

17 7) If the case will be heard, the hearing shall be held within seven (7) business days of the  
18 decision to accept the case.

19 8) The hearing shall be conducted in accordance with Rule 4: Hearing Procedures of  
20 Chapter 302:

21 Judicial Rules and Procedures.

22 9) The Council shall reach a decision and provide a ruling no later than five (5) business  
23 days of  
the hearing.

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90th SESSION  
2022-2023

# S. B. 90 - A BILL TO ENSURE PUBLIC ACCESS TO SENATE MEETINGS

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IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

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MARCH 8, 2022

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR GALVEZ TO THE SENATE OF ASSOCIATED STUDENTS,  
AUTHORED BY SENATOR GALVEZ AND INTERN AURORA DAVIS

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## **A Bill to Ensure Public Access to Senate Meetings**

1        *Whereas*, this bill shall be considered along with *S. B. R. 90 - A Binding Resolution to Ensure Public Access to*  
2        *Senate Meetings*;

3        *Be it enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students*, The Statutes of the Associated Students adopt the  
4        changes in Addendum A;

5        *Be it resolved by the Senate of the Associated Students*, This legislation be sent to the following individuals:

- 6            • President of the Associated Students, Dionne Stanfill
- 7            • Speaker of the Senate of the Associated Students, Andrew Thompson
- 8            • ASUN Senators of the 90th Session
- 9            • Director of the Center for Student Engagement, Sandra Rodriguez

1 Addendum A:

2 **SECTION 02: SPEAKER OF THE SENATE**

3 b) **DUTIES:**

4 The duties of the Speaker of the Senate include, but are not limited to:

- 5 1) Act as the signing authority for all accounts under control of the Senate.
- 6 2) Administer oaths and affirmations that are or may be required by the
- 7 Constitution, or by law, to be taken by any Senator, officer of the Senate, witness,
- 8 or other person in respect to any matter within the jurisdiction of the Senate.
- 9 3) Call meetings of the Senate as stated by law.
- 10 4) Ensure that all meetings of the Senate are virtually accessible through
- 11 remote technology platforms.
- 12 5) Approve and refuse the absences and virtual attending of Senators from
- 13 meetings of the senate.
- 14 6) Produce the agenda for any given meeting of the Senate and give proper
- 15 time for officer reports, committee reports and items of business.
- 16 7) Direct the Senate to maintain proper decorum during meeting
- 17 8) Manage Senator resignations and place the announcement of such
- 18 resignations on the agenda.
- 19 9) Publicize and, at minimum, place advertisement in the Nevada Sagebrush
- 20 for vacant Legislative positions.
- 21 10) Vote in matters of business where the speaker's vote would be decisive.
- 22 11) Sign all Acts of the Senate within Constitutional time limit.
- 23 12) Ensure Senate is following Nevada Open Meeting Law
- 24 13) Determine the quality of paper on which to print enrolled bills.
- 25 14) Email any legislation originally introduced within Senate or the Committee
- 26 on Oversight to the Legislative Clerk within 24 hours of posting the agenda.
- 27 15) Act as President if, by reason of death, resignation, removal from office,
- 28 inability, or failure to qualify, there is neither a President nor Vice President to
- 29 discharge the powers and duties of the office of President.
- 30 16) To serve as a member of the University Leadership Alliance.
- 31 17) Responsible to attend all ASUN retreats, and trainings as decided by the
- 32 Chief of Internal Affairs.

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

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**S. B. R. 90 -  
A BINDING RESOLUTION TO  
ENSURE PUBLIC ACCESS TO SENATE  
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**A Binding Resolution to Ensure Public Access to Senate Meetings**

1       *Whereas*, the Senate of the Associated Students has no mention of remote technology systems  
2 within its governing documents;

3       *Whereas*, Speaker Thompson of the 90th session provides access to Senate meetings via zoom  
4 with the intent of public access and senator attendance only in the case of illness or other extenuating  
5 circumstances;

6       *Whereas*, Speaker Thompson's email is on every agenda for the 90th Senate to ensure the public  
7 is able to contact him to acquire the Zoom link;

8       *Whereas*, The public should be able to virtually access Senate meetings in later sessions,  
9 regardless of who the Speaker is;

1        *Whereas*, the continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic may make it difficult for individuals to  
2 attend in-person meetings;

3        *Whereas*, the seasonal smoke in Reno continues to cancel classes and meetings on campus,  
4 making it a challenge to have in-person Senate meetings;

5        *Whereas*, the acquisition of other universities and colleges make it difficult for students on  
6 satellite campuses to attend Senate meetings that take place on the University of Nevada, Reno main  
7 campus;

8        *Whereas*, remote technology systems such as Zoom would allow the public to access Senate  
9 meetings, regardless of location, weather, or state of wellbeing;

10       *Be it resolved by the Senate of the Associated Students*, the 90th Session Rules of the Senate adopt the  
11 changes in Addendum A;

12       *Be it further resolved by the Senate of the Associated Students*, The 90th Session Rules of the Senate  
13 adopt the changes in Addendum B;

14       *Be it resolved by the Senate of the Associated Students*, this legislation be sent to the following  
15 individuals:

- 16                • President of the Associated Students, Dionne Stanfill
- 17                • Speaker of the Senate of the Associated Students, Andrew Thompson
- 18                • ASUN Senators of the 90th Session
- 19                • Director of the Center for Student Engagement, Sandra Rodriguez



1 Addendum A:

2 Rule I: MEETINGS OF THE SENATE

3 a) **MEETINGS AT CALL OF SPEAKER**

4 The Speaker shall call meetings of the Senate as he, she, or they deems appropriate, provided  
5 that the Senate shall meet at least once every two full class weeks, and that the regular  
6 meeting date and time of the Senate shall be on Wednesdays no earlier than 5:30 p.m., unless  
7 the Senate orders otherwise. The Speaker shall call no less than two meetings of the Student  
8 Senate at least one week apart during the spring semester of his, her, or their election.

9 Each in-person meeting of the Senate shall be accessible through Zoom (or an alternate  
10 remote technology system), in addition to the in-person meeting location. Senators  
11 participating virtually shall be considered present and, therefore, count towards quorum so  
12 long as the virtual attendance is approved by the speaker in advance. The remote meeting  
13 shall be accessible by contacting the speaker via his, her or their email at the top of the  
14 senate meeting agenda.

1 Addendum B:

2 Rule II: MEMBERSHIP OF THE SENATE

3 e) **QUORUM**

4 1) If, at any time during a meeting of the Senate, a question shall be raised by any  
5 Senator as to the presence of a quorum, the Speaker shall forthwith direct the Secretary to  
6 call the roll and shall announce the result, and these proceedings shall be without debate.

7 2) Whenever upon such roll call it shall be ascertained that a quorum is not present, a  
8 majority of the Senators present may direct the Speaker of the Senate to request the  
9 attendance of the absent Senators, an order which shall be determined without debate; and  
10 pending its execution, and until a quorum shall be present, no debate nor motion, except to  
11 adjourn, to recess, or to take other measures to obtain quorum, shall be in order.

12 3) In order for a quorum to be met there must be half of the voting members plus  
13 one (the chair and vice-chair are considered voting members). In any case where there are an  
14 odd number of voting members present quorum can be met with a simple majority. Senators  
15 present, whether in person, or by use of a remote technology system, shall count towards  
16 quorum so long as the virtual attendance is approved by the Speaker in advance.

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

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**S. B. R. 90-  
A BINDING RESOLUTION TO  
PROVIDE FOR THE  
ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE OF  
THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS  
FOR THE 90<sup>TH</sup> SENATE SESSION**

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IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

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MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

SUBMITTED BY SPEAKER THOMPSON TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

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**A Binding Resolution  
A Binding Resolution to Provide for the Adjournment Sine Die of the  
Associated Students for the 90<sup>th</sup> Senate Session**

- 1 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada, that the Ninetieth*
- 2 *Session of the Senate stand in adjournment sine die end of day, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023.*