



# Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada

*90<sup>th</sup> Session, 2022-2023*

## **A RESOLUTION TO AMEND UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE MANUAL CODE 5,456**

Resolution Number: 113

Authored By: Senator (in behalf of)

Sponsored By: 2022-2023 Student Government Assembly

*Whereas*, the University of Nevada, Reno acquired Sierra Nevada University on July 1, 2022;

*Whereas*, the acquired campus is now known as the University of Nevada, Reno at Lake Tahoe (UNR-LT);

*Whereas*, before the Lake Tahoe Campus was acquired by the University of Nevada, Reno, slacklining and hammocking were not prohibited;

*Whereas*, at the former Sierra Nevada University, students, faculty, and staff alike enjoyed the practice of slacklining and hammocking;

*Whereas*, the University of Nevada, Reno Administrative Manual (UAM) contains established policy of the University. It is intended to serve in defining, understanding and communicating university policies and procedures, identifying responsibilities, and providing guidelines in the performance of specific task;

*Whereas*, since the acquisition of the campus, UNR-LT has been subject to the policy within UAM;

*Whereas*, Code 5,456 of the University Administrative Manual regarding slacklines states: “[...] no person shall attach a slackline to or install on any tree or plant growing within or upon any university-owned or controlled property. No person shall attach any object to or locate any object on university property in such a manner as to damage the property, obstruct public right of way or interfere with the function of the

university space. This includes but is not limited to anchor points such as trees, shrubs, plants, fences, rails, posts, bollards, ground anchors or any fixed device used to attach a slackline.”;

*Whereas*, Code 5,456 of the University Administrative Manual regarding hammocks states: “fastening a hammock, cot or any similar suspended bed or swing is prohibited on any and all fixed objects, whether they are living materials, such as trees, or inanimate objects, such as light poles.”;

*Whereas*, Students have expressed concerns about UAM policies that are not applicable, relevant, nor necessary to their campus in Incline Village due to the different environment and geography. Code 5,456: Slackline, Hammock, Ropes and Tent Stakes was more frequently cited by students than any other policy within UAM;

*Whereas*, trees on the University’s main campus were carefully curated for the campus’ specific needs and environment;

*Whereas*, trees on the Lake Tahoe campus are native, deeply rooted, wider and taller, thus creating more support for slacklines and hammocks;

*Whereas*, a digital survey was conducted by Audrey Schuler, a residential assistant, to gauge interest and knowledge on the topic of slacklines and hammocks. This survey was sent to all students of the UNR-LT campus as of December 2022;

*Whereas*, the survey results are as follows:

- “Do you know how to set up a slackline safely without hurting yourself or nature?”

Yes – 75%	No – 25%
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- “Do you know how to set up a hammock safely without hurting yourself or nature?”

Yes – 79%	No – 21%
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- “Would you like to learn this information in an educational setting?”

Yes, in class – 32%	Yes, outside of class – 32%	No – 21%
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*Be it resolved that,*

*Be it further resolved that,*

Adopted in Senate on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Attest:

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Wyatt Layland, Senate Secretary

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Andrew Thompson, Speaker of the Senate