



# Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada

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

## AN ACT REVISING OFFICER CONDUCT

Bill Number: 16

Authored By: Senator Swackhamer on behalf of Attorney General Schein

Sponsored By: 2022-2023 Student Government Assembly

*Whereas*, Chapter 002 of the SAS is the section that lays out a code of conduct for officers including rules of conduct, conflict of interest standards, and a “diversity” statement;

*Whereas*, this section being particularly outdated, references non-existent enforcement, and entirely lacks accountability and enforceability;

*Whereas*, the diversity statement, also being outdated, omits critical elements of diversity including but not limited to; Gender Expression, Cultural Expression, Ethnic Expression, Citizenship Status, Military Service, Neurodivergence, and Spoken Language.

*Whereas*, the enforcement procedure adheres to existing standards of enforcement utilizing the Attorney General, insofar as first giving an advisory opinion before using corrective judicial procedure;

*Whereas*, this being of paramount importance to the Association, ensures the maintenance of integrity while building trust with stakeholders across the UNR Campus community between sessions;

*Be it enacted*, the changes below be enacted;

Adopted in Senate on October 26th, 2022

Attest:

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Andrew Thompson, Speaker of the Senate

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Dionne Stanfill, President of the Associated Students

I certify that this Act originated in the Senate.

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Wyatt Layland, Senate Secretary

## Addendum A

## **Chapter 002: Code of Conduct**

### **Section 01: Establishment**

There is hereby established a Code of Conduct for all officers of the Associated Students.

### **Section 02: Mission**

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

### **Section 03: Conflicts of Interest**

#### **a) DEFINITION:**

A conflict of interest is a situation in which an officer is involved in multiple interests (financial, personal, relational, organizational, emotional, or otherwise), one of which could possibly corrupt the motivation of the officer's behavior within the Association.

#### **PROCEDURE:**

If at any time an officer recognizes that the officer might possess a conflict of interest, the officer remove the officer in question from the situation and shall be relieved from all matters concerning the situation.

### **Section 04: Non-Discrimination**

Officers of the Associated Students shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, age, sex, gender identity, socio-economic status, physical or mental impairment, or sexual orientation.

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

### Section 05: Officer Behavior

- a) Officers of the Associated Students shall behave in such a way as to maintain, uphold and advance the integrity of the Association's reputation while acting as an officer of the Association in an official capacity.
- b) ASUN officers shall hold their position in the highest regard.
- c) The reputation of the Associated Students is dependent on the trust and confidence the officers earn from the students at the University of Nevada. Officers gain credibility by adhering to their commitments, displaying honesty and integrity, and reaching Association and department goals solely through honorable conduct.
- d) Violation of these may result judicial action.

### Section 06: Enforcement

The Attorney General of the Association shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this chapter. This may be done through advisory opinions or judicial charges.