



Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada

90th Session, 2022-2023

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ASUN CODE OF ETHICS

Bill Number: 19

Authored By: Senator Taeubel

Sponsored By: 2022-2023 Student Government Assembly

Whereas, the SAS provides a vague and broad description of officer behavior and values in Chapter 002;

Whereas, the Code of Ethics provides detailed expectations of the values and conduct of ASUN officers;

Whereas, this document shall not be used to create or enforce punitive action, but rather to encourage and uplift the mission of ASUN;

Whereas, the Code of Ethics creates transparency for the public on the role of an ASUN officer;

Whereas, the Code of Ethics advances the mission and integrity of the Association when adhered to;

Be it enacted, the establishment of the Code of Ethics;

Be it further enacted, the adoption of addendum A and the creation of Chapter 003 of the SAS;

Adopted in Senate on November 30th, 2022

Attest:

Andrew Thompson, Speaker of the Senate

Dionne Stanfill, President of the Associated Students

I certify that this Act originated in the Senate.

Wyatt Layland, Senate Secretary

Chapter 003: Code of Ethics

Section 01: Establishment

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

Section 02: Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide an ethical standard for the officers of ASUN. The code of ethics is non-enforceable and serves only as a reference document.

Section 03: Administration

The Senate of the Associated Students shall set ethical standards relating to the conduct of officers in the Association in the form of a Code of Ethics. The Senate of the Associated Students may propose changes to this, with the consent of two-thirds of the body.

Section 04: Authorization of Appropriations

There is hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to support this service.

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

PROPOSED NOVEMBER 9, 2022



Proposed November 9, 2022 by Parliamentarian Brayden Taeubel

Code of Ethics

CODE OF ETHICS

SECTION 1: PURPOSE

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

SECTION 2: MISSION

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

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

SECTION 3: STUDENTS

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

SECTION 4: DISCRIMINATION

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

SECTION 5: BEHAVIOR

All officers shall:

- a) Behave in such a way as to uphold and advance the integrity of the Association's reputation while acting in an official capacity.
- b) Hold their position in the highest regard.
- c) Conduct themselves 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.

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