



Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada

90th Session, 2022-2023

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ASUN CONSTITUTION FOR RAISING SENATOR PAY

Bill Number: 20

Authored By: Senators Noble and Brown

Sponsored By: Committee on Budget and Finance

Whereas, Title IV Chapter 401 of the Statutes of the Associated Students dictates that Senators shall be paid “The aggregate amount of equivalent to the cost of six undergraduate credit-hours per semester at the university”;¹

Whereas, as per *Schein v ASUN* the aforementioned aggregate has been set to the annual stipend amount of \$3,917.20 distributed evenly over a 12-month period in a single term;

Whereas, this number does not reflect precedent as until the 90th session, senators were paid a stipend of \$5,000 distributed evenly over a 12-month period in a single term;

Whereas, other officers of similar ranking and responsibility within the Association are paid a stipend of \$5,000 distributed evenly over a 12-month period in a single term;

Whereas, this discrepancy promotes a culture of unequal valuation of officers within the Association;

Whereas, this level of compensation does not provide senators with an opportunity cost equal to that of the time and work that they have devoted to the association;

Whereas, unfairly low compensation has an adverse effect on student willingness to run for office, and as such detracts from participation within the democratic system;

¹ https://de5u0yfu98nbk.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/90_SAS_10-14-22.pdf

Be it enacted, pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Associated Students, upon the passage of this bill, a question seeking approval of voters appear on the ballot for the 2023 General Election as follows:, “Shall ASUN raise senator stipends to \$5,000 to standardize pay in the association?”.

Adopted in Senate on December 14th, 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