

Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada

90th Session, 2022-2023

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN ASUN AND THE @ONE DIGITAL MEDIA & TECHNOLOGY CENTER

Bill Number: 24 Authored By: Senators Kuhl, Noble Sponsored By: 2022-2023 Student Government Assembly

Whereas, the @One Digital Media & Technology Center maintains a service that allows students and faculty to rent specialized multimedia production and presentation equipment including cameras, laptops, audio, and lighting;

Whereas, the @One is currently only has 250 Chrome Books, 129 iPads, 60 HP Pro-Books, 4 MacBooks available to rent;

Whereas, the @One has a waitlist of over 100 undergraduate students in need of personal academic technology;

Whereas, the current system of loanable technology distribution creates an inequity for undergraduate students by prioritizing graduate students access to this technology over the undergraduate students that pay for it;

Whereas, HP Pro-books are only available for undergraduates to rent for one month and graduate students receive priority status by way of checking out laptops for an entire semester and immediately renewing them;

Whereas, the Wolf Pack Digital Initiative (DWPI), established in 2021, provides all incoming freshmen during NevadaFit with and Apple iPad Air 5, an Apple Pencil, and a Smart Keyboard Folio;

Whereas, in a study conducted by EDUCAUSE in 2019, a "vast majority of students in both groups (over 90%) said laptops are very or extremely important for their coursework; however, slightly fewer community college respondents (85% versus 91%) reported using laptops for all or most of their courses."¹;

Whereas, the DWPI does not include undergraduate students enrolled to UNR prior to the programs establishment;

Be it enacted, that a partnership between ASUN and the @One Digital Media & Technology Center to bolster the amount of rentable personal academic devices available to undergraduate students by way of purchasing 15 HP Probook 450 G9's with priority access to stated devices being given to undergraduate students;

Be it further enacted, that the funding to the Pack Internship Grant Program shall reduced by \$16,125 and create a new line item called the Loanable Technology Grant in the Milton D. Glick Student Academics account for the amount of \$16,125 to fund this partnership.

Adopted in Senate on February 15th, 2023

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

¹ Gierdowski, D. C. (n.d.). Device access, ownership, and importance. Educause.edu. Retrieved September 10, 2022, from https://www.educause.edu/ecar/research-publications/ecar-study-of-community-college-students-and-information-technology/2019/device-access-ownership-and-importance