

## Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada

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

## AN ACT ESTABLISHING REGULAR MEETING REQUIREMENTS FOR EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS

Bill Number: 27

Authored By: Senators Bryan and Salah on behalf of Advocacy Director Claussen, Vice President Maglinao, and Chief of Staff Martinez

Sponsored By: 2022-2023 Student Government Assembly

Whereas, the Statutes of the Associated Students does not currently have any regular meeting requirements for Departments within the Executive Branch.

Whereas, Senators may receive two points for not attending Senate meetings, and one point for not attending Committee meetings.

Whereas, Senate meetings generally happen once per week, and Committee meetings happen either once per week or every other week.

*Whereas*, Senate Committee Chairs and the Speaker of the Senate may receive two points for not hosting a public meeting within a two-week period.

*Whereas*, Senators are subject to being censured to appear in the Committee on Oversight after receiving five points, typically being asked to give an explanation as to why they have not shown up.

*Whereas*, having regular meetings with publicly accessible agendas promotes transparency and allows pathways for students to be informed and get involved in ASUN happenings.

Whereas, having regular meetings within Executive departments may allow for enhanced communication and collaboration within each department.

Whereas, the Department of Campus Wellness and the Department of Sustainability are exempt from this requirement due to each department being too small to accommodate a quorum according to Nevada Open Meeting Law. All public business (budgets, etc.) for these departments will be handled during the President's Cabinet meeting, which under this legislation will also meet at least once per month.

*Be it enacted*, Directors of Executive departments will be required to host department-wide public meetings – with an attached agenda subject to Nevada Open meeting law – at least once per month.

Be it further enacted, President's Cabinet meetings are also susceptible to this requirement.

Be it further enacted, the Attorney General will be tasked with ensuring that each department has met within a month's time in accordance with Nevada Open Meeting Law.

*Be it further enacted,* should a Department fail to meet within a month's time, the Attorney General may request an explanation be given by the Director at the next public meeting of the President's Cabinet.

Be it further enacted, the Director is also encouraged to notify the Senate that (a) the Department did not meet within the month, and (b) when their next Department meeting is scheduled.

Be it further enacted, this legislation be sent to the following:

- President, Dionne Stanfill
- Vice President, Jada Maglinao
- Chief of Staff, Ashley Martinez
- Attorney General, Brayden Taeubel
- Director of Clubs and Organizations, Tre Taylor
- Director of Event Programming, Maria Zamudio
- Director of IDEA, Trace Wolfgang
- Director of Government Affairs, Amanda Vaskov

Adopted in Senate on March 29th, 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