



Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada

90th Session, 2022-2023

AN ACT TO CREATE SUSTAINABLE EVENT BEST-PRACTICES

Bill Number: 28

Authored By: Senators Noble and Bryan on behalf of Directors Zamudio and Rowe

Sponsored By: 2022-2023 Student Government Assembly

Whereas, the mission of the Associated Students includes promoting sustainable practices, and preserving our campus community environment;

Whereas, adherence to sustainable event practices help accomplish this mission;

Whereas, the planning and execution of ASUN sponsored events is an essential part of the Association's identity and the culture of our campus;

Whereas, in the past ASUN sponsored events have not incorporated sustainable practices;

Whereas, under Director Zamudio, the Department of Event Programming has implemented numerous sustainable event best practices;

Whereas, these changes have led to a net reduction in the amount of waste generated from events;

Whereas, a continuation of these practices will ensure that all ASUN events are aligned with the values of the association;

Be it enacted, that the Statutes of the Associated Students and the ASUN Code of Ethics shall reflect the changes in Addendums A & B Respectively;

Be it further enacted, that the head of each branch of government shall send a memo to the members of their respective branches informing them of the changes;

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

- Dionne Stanfill, ASUN President

- Sandra Rodriguez, Director of ASUN
- Andrew Thompson, Speaker of the Senate
- Zane Taylor, Chief Justice

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

Addendum A:

TITLE XXX: Event Sustainability Best-Practices

CHAPTER 3001: Event Sustainability Best-Practices

SECTION 01: ESTABLISHMENT

There is hereby established the ASUN Event Sustainability Best Practices.

SECTION 02: PURPOSE

The purpose of the ASUN Event Sustainability Best Practices is to ensure that officers of the Association continue to engage in sustainable practices while planning and executing events.

SECTION 03: Sustainability Checklist

All officers of the Association in any stage of planning or executing an event, shall attempt in good faith and to the best of their ability, to adhere to the following sustainability practices:

- a) Officers shall utilize sustainable, recyclable, and/or biodegradable sources for single use products.
 - i) This includes but shall not be limited to: utensils, plates, cups, napkins etc.
 - ii) In the event that more need to be purchased, the Chief of Internal Affairs shall order these items early and in bulk to make the most effective use of our budgetary constraints.
- b) Officers shall where possible reuse any multi-use materials.
 - i) This includes but shall not be limited to: decorations, table clothes, tables, etc.
- c) Officers shall avoid purchasing or utilizing non sustainable materials such as styrofoam, non-recyclable plastics, etc.
- d) Officers shall make the maximal use of resources that have been provided to them.
 - i) Officers shall break down cardboard and stack any waste to maximize space and reduce trash bag consumption.
 - ii) Officers shall then dispose of such materials in an appropriate fashion.
 - iii) Officers shall make a good faith effort to utilize left-over supplies before purchasing new ones.
- e) Officers shall proceed with consciousness of future sustainability needs.
 - i) Officers shall when designing and purchasing new event materials attempt to bolster the re-usability of these products.
 - ii) For re-occurring events, officers shall refrain from including dates or locations on their physical marketing materials so that they may be re-used in the future.
- f) Officers shall embed the practices and principles of sustainability within the structure of their events
 - i) Officers shall consider shifting their programs away from materialistic and unsustainable rewards and elevate experience centric events.

- ii) Officers shall attempt to provide sustainable and environmentally friendly resources to reduce students' personal usage of more costly and less sustainable alternatives.
- g) Officers shall seriously consider and make attempts to redress any foreseeable sustainability problems.

SECTION 04: Adherence

Officers shall attempt in good faith to adhere to all of the above stipulations. This shall apply only to instances where supplies are available, affordable, possible, and necessary. Once all reasonable attempts to comply have been exhausted, officers shall be free to proceed unencumbered. This imperative shall be reflected in the ASUN code of ethics. Any questions or points of confusion for these standards are to be resolved with the Director of Sustainability.

Addendum B:

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.

j) Comply with the Event Sustainability best Practices of the Statutes of the Associated Students

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.