



Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada

91st Session, 2023-2024

AN ACT TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT STUDENT MEDIA VIA A CREDIT FEE

Bill Number: 07

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Sponsored By: 2023-2024 Student Government Assembly

Whereas, the proposed credit fee will be \$1.29 per credit and will generate \$697,634.016. Any current registered undergraduate students enrolled in at least 1 credit, including dual enrollment students, will pay this fee during the Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters;

Whereas, this fee will fund The Nevada Sagebrush, Wolf Pack Radio, Brushfire Literature and Arts Journal, and Insight Magazine. Additionally, this proposed fee will fund a full-time CSE staff position to serve as the student media coordinator, currently held by Sogand Tabatabei;

Whereas, a 67 cent per-credit fee for all students was proposed last session as a ballot question. This proposed fee failed as a ballot question, but still received a majority vote;

Whereas, these organizations provide an outlet for all students, as well as allow for students to gain information upon topics that affect their daily lives;

Whereas, these organizations allow students to prepare themselves for a career within journalism and provide them the necessary experience required for a career after graduation;

Whereas, the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) put forth a 24 cent per credit fee in 2022 and passed it through the Board of Regents in December of 2022. Although this fee was only 24 cents per credit, it only served the purpose of funding one student newspaper;

Whereas, by passing this piece, \$100,000 from the ASUN budget that is already dedicated towards student media will be available to be allocated to other necessities;

Whereas, without this proposed student media fee, student media on campus will continue to be underfunded, therefore allowing for student media to be underrepresented, staff to be underpaid, and could allow for student media to become non-existent without financial support;

Be it enacted, the Senate of the Associated Students allow the students they represent to have the right to vote on this proposed credit fee through a ballot question similar if not the same as “Shall a student credit fee of \$1.29 per credit be put in place for undergraduate students to support The Nevada Sagebrush, Brushfire Literature and Arts Journal, Insight Magazine and Wolf Pack Radio;”

Be it further enacted, the fee would fund all student media in full and provide living wages for over 20 students, allow for new positions, paid volunteer positions, fund travel to conferences, expand print opportunities and cover any overhead costs that may arise;

Be it further enacted, all financial oversight generated from any financial gain from this piece if passed through both the students of the University of Nevada, Reno and NSHE will be through the Student Media Advisory Board (SMAB); This is to ensure that there is a strong separation between the financial gain of student media and the budget of ASUN;

Be it further resolved that, a copy of this resolution be sent to:

- Amy Koeckes, Associate Director, Center for Student Engagement
- Sogand Tabatabaei, Student Media Coordinator
- Boris Carpio Guerra, President of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada, Reno
- Hannah Alquiza, Vice President of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada,

Reno

- Brian Sandoval, President of the University of Nevada, Reno
- Shannon Ellis, Vice President of Student Services
- Sandra Rodriguez, Director, Center for Student Engagement

Adopted in Senate on December 13, 2023

Attest:

Fayza Salah, Speaker of the Senate

Boris Carpio Guerra, President of the Associated Students

I certify that this Act originated in the Senate.

Ally Chavez, Senate Secretary