



Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada

91st Session, 2023-2024

A BINDING RESOLUTION TO ADD AN UNDOCUMENTED STUDENT PROGRAMS LIAISON POSITION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF IDEA

Resolution Number: 72

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Sponsored By: 2023-2024 Student Government Assembly

Whereas, the Asun Department of IDEA does not currently have a liaison position in the Statutes of the Associated Students to represent the Undocumented Student Programs;

Whereas, Director Okwuosa, Assistant Director Walck, Commissioner of Projects and Events Simpson, Commissioner of Marketing and Outreach Dorado, and Commissioner of Social Justice and Policy Cedeño have expressed interest in adding the Undocumented Student Programs as a liaison position;

Whereas, the Manager of Undocumented Student Programs, Janet Najera, has also expressed interest in having an officer from the Department of IDEA serve as an official liaison between ASUN and Undocumented Student Programs;

Whereas, the Undocumented Student Programs serves as an advocacy center to provide resources to undocumented students so they may continue their education;

Whereas, the Department of IDEA understands the importance of having a permanent liaison position between ASUN and the Undocumented Student Programs due to the suspension of DACA and inherent increase of undocumented students at the University of Nevada, Reno;

Whereas, the Department of IDEA shall extend their support to undocumented students by meeting regularly with the Manager of Undocumented Student Programs;

Whereas, the Department of IDEA is committed to representing the underrepresented;

Be it resolved that, the 91st Session of the SAS rules reflect the changes in Addendum A;

Be it further resolved that, a copy of the legislation be sent to the following:

- Manager of Undocumented Student Programs, Janet Najera
- Director of ASUN's IDEA, Arthur-James Okwuosa
- Assistant Director of ASUN's IDEA, Alexia Walck
- Commissioner of Projects and Events J Simpson
- Commissioner of Marketing and Outreach Shawn Dorado
- Commissioner of Social Justice and Policy Savannah Cedeñ

Adopted in Senate on February 14th, 2024

Attest:

Ally Chavez, Senate Secretary

Fayza Salah, Speaker of the Senate

Chapter 206: DEPARTMENT OF IDEA

SECTION 04: DIRECTOR

a) IN GENERAL:

There shall be a Director of IDEA, appointed by the president, with consent of the senate.

b) HEAD OF DEPARTMENT:

The Director is the head of the department and shall have direction and authority over it.

c) DUTIES:

- 1) The Director shall chair and oversee the Department of IDEA.
- 2) The Director shall chair and oversee the Diversity Advisory Board, composed of representatives both on and on campus that represent diverse segments of the community.
- 3) The Director shall develop relationships with and meet regularly with leaders ranging from, but not limited to multicultural, religious, and social justice related student organizations.
- 4) The Director shall provide advice and recommendations to ASUN officers to create a more inclusive environment within the Association.
- 5) The Director may delegate any of the Director's functions to any other officer, employee, or organizational unit of the Department.
- 6) The Director shall serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Senate Committee on IDEA, and may designate a different officer of the department to attend and serve in that capacity in their absence.
- 7) The Director shall present a new appointment to the Senate within the following two weeks of said committee or Senate meeting. If an executive appointment is reported unfavorably by the Senate committee on Oversight, if an appointee is not passed by the Senate, or if Director is unable to find a qualified candidate within two weeks, the Director must present to the Committee on Oversight and explain the circumstances.

- 8) The Director shall meet at least once per semester with the University's Chief Diversity
- 9) The Director shall appoint members of the Department to serve as liaison to the ~~Center~~
~~for Cultural Diversity~~ **Multicultural Center**, Disability Resource Center, Veterans Services, Office of International Students and Scholars, USAC, McNair Scholars, Dean's Future Scholars, Gear Up, ~~and~~ TRiO Scholars, ~~and~~ First in the Pack, **and Undocumented Student Programs**
- 10) Oversee the planning and coordination of said events.
- 11) Serve on university committees relating to campus diversity and inclusion.
- 12) Convey to the Senate of the Associated Students information and data related to the status of minority student enrollment and participation in campus activities.
- 13) To have a report read or spoken into record at minimum every other Senate meeting.
- 14) Responsible to attend all ASUN retreats, and trainings as decided by the President and the Director of Executive Outreach.
- 15) To chair and oversee all meeting of the Department of IDEA, which must occur at least once per month