



Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada

91st Session, 2023-2024

A BINDING RESOLUTION TO PUBLICIZE THE SENATE LEGISLATION TRACKER

Resolution Number: 91

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Sponsored By: 2023-2024 Student Government Assembly

Whereas, this piece accompanies the act of the same name.

Whereas, students have expressed a want for more transparency within their representative body;

Whereas, the association has an impactful budget funded by students, in which they have a vested interest in;

Whereas, this tracker allows the students to stay presently updated on issues that are significant to them and in which they have a stake in;

Whereas, students have the right to know the progress their representatives are making all throughout the year, even when they are a work in progress;

Whereas, this gives students an outlet to reach out to their Senators on projects they are actively working on and understand who to speak to for topics of their concern;

Whereas, this legislative tracker will keep Senators encouraged and accountable as having the Senate Body's work in the public eye will motivate Senators to actively pass legislation and follow up on the pieces they have passed;

Whereas, a legislative tracker has already been made for the session, and needs to be used more effectively;

Whereas, student input and involvement strengthen the legislative and representative process;

Whereas, the Parliamentarian shall be responsible for the publicization of the Legislative tracker and ensure it is up to date;

Be it resolved that, the Senate of the Associated Students implement the changes seen in Addendum A into the 92nd Session Rules of the Senate.

Adopted in Senate on April 3, 2024

Attest:

Ally Chavez, Senate Secretary

Fayza Salah, Speaker of the Senate

Addendum A

Rule II: MEMBERSHIP OF THE SENATE

f) ATTENDANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY 91ST SESSION RULES OF THE SENATE

- 1) No Senator shall be absent from the service of the Senate without leave.
- 2) The Committee on Oversight shall conduct a hearing on the senator's attendance on the 5th accumulated point (refer to Rule II, (f), 4, (i-v)) in which the senator shall be afforded an opportunity to present either oral or written testimony defending or admitting to his, her, or their absences. The committee shall determine if the absences merit the imposition of disciplinary action against the senator. During the hearing, the Committee on Oversight has the authority to excuse or dismiss points compiled against a senator if there is reasonable explanation.
- 3) Upon verifying the fifth accumulated attendance point, the Committee on Oversight shall recommend a censure of the offending senator. Any senator's first censure shall include, at minimum, a recommendation that the senator in question release a public statement or apology to the Nevada Sagebrush. Additional punitive action, which may include expulsion from the Senate, will be recommended upon the accumulation of additional points.
- 4) The Attorney General will have the power to file charges against the Speaker of the Senate upon the accumulation of the fifth point.
- 5) Reports of Attendance and Absence as well as respective points gained toward censure will be reported by the Secretary of the Senate during each Oversight Committee meeting of the Senate of the Associated Students and consolidated by the Speaker of the Senate. The Senate shall calculate attendance upon the following point formula:

- i) Six unexcused absent Senate outreach hours shall be equivalent to two points. (1/3 point for every missed hour)
- ii) An unexcused absence from a Committee of the Senate shall be the equivalent to one point.
- iii) Three instances of unexcused tardiness at committee meetings shall be equivalent to one point. (1/3 point for every instance)
- iv) Three instances of unexcused tardiness at general senate meetings shall be equivalent to two points. (2/3 point for every instance)
- v) An unexcused absence from a meeting of the Senate of the Associated Students shall be equivalent to two points. vi.)
- vi) Three instances of failure to meet with an assigned intern shall be the equivalent of 1 point (1/3 point for every missed hour).
- vii) Failure of Chairpersons or Vice-Chairpersons to report before the Senate shall be the equivalent to one point against the name of the respective Chairperson.
- viii) Failure of the Speaker of the Senate to report the consolidated reports to the Nevada Sagebrush and the Legislative Clerk shall be the equivalent of two points.
- ix) The Secretary will send an electronic report of the points accumulated by the Speaker of the Senate, as detailed under Rule II, (f), 4, (ix) to the Attorney General.
- x) Failure of the Chairperson of a committee, including the Committee on Oversight, to hold a meeting within the required two-week period shall be the equivalent of two points.
- xi) Failure of Senators to update the legislative tracker, in reflection of their outreach form, at the end of each outreach period will result in the accumulation of one-third (1/3) of a point at the discretion of the speaker.

Rule XX: SENATE OFFICERS

- a) PARLIAMENTARIAN The Speaker shall appoint from the membership of the Senate a Parliamentarian, subject to the majority approval of the Senate, who shall advise the Speaker and individual Senators on matters of Senate Procedure, the law, and the Constitution. In addition, they shall be responsible for advising the Speaker when Senators fail to match their outreach form to the legislative tracker.