

93rd SESSION
2025-2026

S. B. 93 -
A BILL TO REEXAMINE THE ROLE OF
ATTORNEY GENERAL

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

APRIL 24TH, 2025

SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS BY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE MOSS AND
PARLIAMENTARIAN ISSA, ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT AGLUBAT AND VICE PRESIDENT MCNAMARA

Whereas, the Associated Students of the University of Nevada (ASUN) maintains an Office of the Attorney General, which currently serves as a non-legal position responsible for upholding the ethical integrity of the Association;

Whereas, under Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 7.285, it is unlawful for any person to engage in the practice of law, including providing legal advice or legal representation, without being a licensed attorney admitted to the State Bar of Nevada;

Whereas, the title of “Attorney General” implies a legal authority or capacity that student leaders in ASUN do not possess, as they are not licensed attorneys and are therefore legally prohibited from giving legal advice or opinions on behalf of the Association;

Whereas, ASUN has a responsibility to uphold transparency, accountability, and compliance with all applicable laws and to ensure that all titles and responsibilities within the Association reflect the legal and ethical limitations of student government; and

Whereas, renaming the position of Attorney General to “Director of Ethics and Compliance” more accurately reflects the non-legal, oversight-based functions of the role, including ensuring ASUN’s operations remain in accordance with governing documents and ethical standards.

Be it enacted, that the Secretaries of the Senate shall examine the Statutes of the Associated Students and strike any and all mention of the title “Attorney General” and replace it with the title of “Director of Ethics and Compliance”;

Be it further enacted, that the changes outlined in Addendum A shall be adopted into the Statutes of the Associated Students:

Be it further enacted, that a copy of this bill will be sent to:

- Director of ASUN, Sandra Rodriguez
- Associate Director of ASUN, Luis Aguliar-Herrera
- President of ASUN, Carmina Aglubat
- Vice President of ASUN, Ethan McNamara
- Speaker of the 93rd Senate, Leaf Acklin
- Chair of the Committee of Government Operations, Travis Terry

Addendum A

CHAPTER 205: ATTORNEY GENERAL

SECTION 01: ESTABLISHMENT

There is hereby an Attorney General, appointed by the President, with the consent of the Senate.

SECTION 02: DUTIES

The duties of the Attorney General are:

- 1) The Attorney General shall issue advisory opinions concerning the law, legislation, or any other act of the Association.
- 2) Copies of the Attorney General's opinions will be distributed to the President, Vice President, and all Senators. The opinions are to also be made available to anyone upon request.
- 3) All requests for the Attorney General to issue advisory opinions must be made in writing except those made on the Senate floor.
- 4) To update and distribute the Constitution for the purpose of engrossing any Constitutional Amendments as passed by the Association and approved by the Board of Regents. The Attorney General is designated the responsibility to publish current editions of the Associated Student's Constitution.
- 5) The Attorney General shall act as President if, by reason of death, resignation, removal from office, inability, or failure to qualify, there is no President, Vice President, Speaker of the Senate, Director of Clubs and Organizations, or Director of Programming to act as President.
- 6) The Attorney General shall investigate alleged violations of the Election Code and prosecute offenders before the Judicial Council.
- 7) The Attorney General shall prosecute any case, at the Attorney General's or Judicial Council's discretion, filed by a third party, even in cases where the plaintiff seeks to dismiss the charge.
- 8) The Attorney General shall act as the representative of the Director of Elections and Democratic Education before the ASUN Judicial Council.
- 9) The Attorney General shall ensure that all regulations concerning petitions are followed fully.
- 10) The Attorney General shall deliver and provide for all petitions (for each election) or for initiative and referendums to the President of the Associated Students and the Director of Elections and Democratic before the Candidates' Meeting.
- 11) The Attorney General shall assist any student interested in writing a petition for initiative and referendum.
- 12) The Attorney General shall certify that a petition question is an impartial and accurate description of the proposal and shall assign the petition an Official Name and Number, if

the petition creates a law, prepare an Official Summary of the petition, to confer with the office of Legal Counsel or designee for approval of language on questions of student fees, and to create the petition and return to the Primary Proponent three (3) copies of the petition.

13) The Attorney General shall verify that there are a sufficient number of valid signatures on each petition, by checking the student status of each person who signed the petition, to immediately notify the Primary Proponent(s) if the verifying official discovers that the petition submitted lacks sufficient valid signatures, and to preserve the petition for the same time period as the Director of Elections and Democratic Education preserves the ballots for the election for which the petition qualified or attempted to qualify for placement on the ballot.

14) The Attorney General shall notify Candidates and all others cited of charges during elections.

15) The Attorney General shall supervise ballot tabulation.

16) The Attorney General shall release the election results as soon as possible.

17) The Attorney General shall attend or send a representative to all physical polling locations and places where ballots are kept and tabulated, provided such representative is not a candidate or agent in the election.

18) To carry out such other functions and duties as required under the constitution and laws.

19) The Attorney General shall not prosecute any case to which the Attorney General is a party or in which the Attorney General has an interest in the outcome as described in subsection 3, Title III, Chapter 302, Rule 3a. When such a conflict occurs, the Chair of Government Operations shall act as a special prosecutor to act as and perform the elections duties of the Attorney General insofar as the Attorney General's conflict is concerned.

20) To have a report read or spoken into record at minimum every other Senate meeting.

21) Responsible to attend all ASUN retreats, and training as decided by the President and the Director of Executive Outreach.

22) The Attorney General shall serve as ex-officio member on the Senate Committee on Government Operations.

23) Organize trainings and continue to provide education on Nevada Open Meeting Law for the Association.

24) Ensure Nevada Open Meeting Law is followed and work with Officers to correct any violations

a) To cancel meetings that have violated Nevada Open Meeting Law.

b) In the cancellation notice, the Attorney General must list what violation(s) occurred.

c) The Attorney General must send a meeting cancellation notice no later than twenty-four hours before the meeting is to take place.

25) The cancellation notice must be sent to the presiding officer and Secretary of the Senate.

26) To invalidate meetings that have been conducted and violated Nevada Open Meeting Law.

- a) In the invalidation notice, the Attorney General must list the violation(s) that occurred.
- b) The invalidation notice must be sent to the presiding officer and the Secretary of the Senate.
- c) Ensure that Executive Department Heads are hosting regular meetings in accordance with Nevada Open Meeting Law at least once per month.

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A BILL TO REFORM THE ANNUAL ASUN
RETREAT

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

APRIL 24TH, 2025

SPONSORED BY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE MOSS
CO-SPONSORED BY PARLIAMENTARIAN ISSA AND SENATOR MICELI
ORIGINALLY AUTHORED BY SPEAKER ACKLIN AND SENATOR LAWLER

Whereas, the Associated Students of the University of Nevada, Reno (ASUN) organizes an annual retreat designed to orient new members about the organization, promote leadership development, and strengthen relationships among other ASUN officers;

Whereas, this retreat serves as a vital opportunity for new ASUN members to engage in team-building activities, and gain insights into the organization's mission and goals, ultimately preparing them for effective participation in student governance;

Whereas, in FY24, ASUN's revenue allocation represented 0.44% of the university's total revenue, while its budget allocation was 0.37% of the university's total budget, demonstrating ASUN's prudent fiscal management and its capacity to allocate resources efficiently in service of student needs;

Whereas, to ensure accountability and transparency with the student body, the ASUN President shall be allowed to allocate up to 1% of ASUN's annual budget each year specifically for the retreat, thereby underscoring the organization's commitment to fostering leadership and collaboration;

Whereas, if the President had decided to go past this 1% stopgap, they would have to go through the Senate Body to advocate for a change the percentage since it would be binding in the SAS.

Whereas, this budget allocation will facilitate planning and coordination for the Director of Events and the President, streamlining the organization of this essential event;

Whereas, Beginning in June 2024, the Associated Students of the University of Nevada (ASUN) hosted its annual retreat at the University of Nevada, Lake Tahoe campus;

Whereas, to establish a precedent of fiscal responsibility and to continue fostering engagement with the Lake Tahoe campus community, it would be in the Association's best interest to plan future annual retreats at the University of Nevada, Lake Tahoe campus;

Whereas, while there is currently no binding policy preventing the ASUN President and Director of Executive Outreach from selecting a private venue for future retreats, such decisions remain at their discretion;

Whereas, selecting a private institution for the retreat would likely introduce unnecessary complications, including increased costs, logistical challenges related to transportation, and additional administrative hurdles, all of which could be avoided by utilizing the University's own Lake Tahoe campus facilities;

Whereas, by securing dedicated resources, ASUN officers can focus on the retreat's agenda, engage meaningfully with attendees, and create a supportive atmosphere, rather than being bogged down by logistical coordination with a private institution or the Lake Tahoe campus;

Whereas, ASUN will establish a contract with Lake Tahoe UNR, ensuring that starting in June of 2025, the retreat will be held at this campus every three years on the second weekend of June, providing a consistent and conducive environment for learning and bonding;

Whereas, the retreat will include required presentations from the following ASUN entities: The Senate of the Associated Students; Executive Branch: President of the ASUN; Vice President of the ASUN; Attorney General; Department of Campus and Public Relations; Department of Campus Wellness; Department of Clubs and Organizations; Department of Executive Affairs; Department of Executive Outreach; Department of Government Affairs; Department of IDEA; Department of Programming; Department of Sustainability; The Judicial Council of the ASUN; Pack Rides; Legal Services; Pack Provisions;

Be it enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students, shall create a way to make the Annual ASUN Retreat more manageable and successful. ASUN shall be allowed to allocate up to 1% of its annual budget each fiscal year to fund the ASUN Retreat, ensuring financial accountability and transparency to the student body. The ASUN President and the Director of Events shall oversee the planning and coordination of the retreat to ensure streamlined organization and effective use of resources. The retreat agenda shall include required presentations from ASUN entities to facilitate leadership development, governance training, and interdepartmental collaboration. These entities include the Senate of the Associated Students, the Executive Branch (President, Vice President, Attorney General, and all departments), the Judicial Council, Pack Rides, Legal Services, and Pack Provisions. ASUN shall ensure that the retreat remains focused on leadership development, student advocacy, and effective governance. By securing dedicated resources and a structured venue, ASUN officers can engage meaningfully with attendees and strengthen collaboration across departments without being burdened by logistical challenges.

Be it further enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students, that a copy of this bill will be sent to:

- ASUN Director, Sandra Rodrigez
- Assistant Director - Luis Aguilar-Herrera
- ASUN President - Carmina Agulbat
- ASUN Vice President - Ethan McNamara
- Director of Executive Outreach - Naomi Tecson
- Director of Executive Affairs- Gabriella Detrick
- Interim Vice Provost and Dean, UNR at Lake Tahoe - Douglas Boyle
- Resident Director - Tommy Gough
- Assistant Director of Facilities, Lake Tahoe -Brad Henrikson
- Event and Scheduling Support Specialist - John Sharp

Title II, Chapter 210: President's Cabinet

SECTION 05: Annual ASUN Retreat

1) Retreat

- a. The Annual ASUN Retreat is an opportunity for new members and officers to learn about the organization, promote leadership development, and strengthen relationships among student colleagues. This retreat serves as an opportunity for new ASUN members to engage in team-building activities, participate in workshops, and gain insights into the organization's mission and goals, ultimately preparing them for effective participation in student governance. The retreat will include required presentations from the following ASUN entities:
 1. Executive Branch:
 - a. President of the ASUN
 - b. Vice President of the ASUN
 - c. Attorney General
 - d. Department of Campus and Public Relations
 - e. Department of Campus Wellness
 - f. Department of Clubs and Organizations
 - g. Department of Executive Affairs
 - h. Department of Executive Outreach
 - i. Department of Government Affairs
 - j. Department of IDEA
 - k. Department of Programming
 - l. Department of Sustainability
 2. Legislative Branch
 - a. The Senate of the Associated Students
 3. Judicial Branch
 - a. The Judicial Council
 4. CSE
 - a. CSE Staff
 - b. Pack Rides
 - c. Legal Services
 - d. Pack Provisions

2) Budget

- b. The President and the Director of Executive Outreach (DEO) shall allocate up to 1% of the ASUN budget annually to support the ASUN Retreat, ensuring the necessary resources are available for its planning and execution.

3) Retreat Location

- a. Established by the precedent set in June of 2024, it would be in the Association's best interest to plan future annual retreats at the University of Nevada, Lake Tahoe campus.
- b. There would be no binding policy preventing the ASUN President and Director of Executive Outreach from selecting a private venue for future retreats, such decisions remain at their discretion, due to logistics and contractual law.