

6. POTENTIAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

None.

7. ALTERNATIVE(S) TO WHAT IS BEING REQUESTED/RECOMMENDED:

NA

8. COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY:

Consistent With Current Board Policy: Title # 5 Chapter # 19 Section # Article IX, Section 4

Amends Current Board Policy: Title # _____ Chapter # _____ Section # _____

SUMMARY

Associated Students of Western Nevada Constitution Changes

The organizational name and structural changes to the Associated Students of Western Nevada Constitution were voted on and approved by the 2007 -2008 current government members at the September 17, 2007 student board meeting.

1. Organizational Name Change

The 2007-2008 student government members chose to change their name from United Students Association (USA) to Associated Students of Western Nevada (ASWN).

The reason behind the name change is the USA name was not specific to Western Nevada College. The USA name is ambiguous; it is an overly used acronym and often confusing to students, faculty and staff.

Changing their name to Associated Student of Western Nevada was the first step to uniting the 3 campuses and by doing so created a body of students who want to grow with the college and develop a sense of belonging to WNC.

2. Change in organizational structure

The previous student government structure consisted of 2 separate government bodies. The Fallon campus and the Carson campus each had a faculty advisor, a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and senators.

The number one reason for the structural change of this student government group is to unite Western Nevada College and create one group to represent WNC students across Northern Nevada.

Secondly, there was a lack of communication between the 2 groups, a lack of support and guidance from the Fallon campus.

Finally, the fact that the Fallon students had little understanding about what student government stands for, and how to plan and implement events, the current president and students have now combined the 2 groups to better the program.

The new ASWN structure combined the Fallon and Carson student government groups.

The ASWN elected representation consists of five (5) executive officers, a President, two Vice-Presidents, (one from Fallon one from Carson campus), a Secretary, and a Treasurer who can fully participate in officer duties at both the Carson and the Fallon campus, seven (7) Carson Senators, and Seven (7) Fallon Senators. The Carson Executive Board and Senators will represent the Douglas campus.

Current organization and constitution supports the “one college mission”

Western Nevada College

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF WESTERN NEVADA

CONSTITUTION

~~_____ purpose of promoting cooperation.~~

~~_____ c. Welcome and assist campus visitors when student activities are
_____ involved.~~

~~_____ d. Actively participate in college student recruitment.~~

~~G. _____ Oversee the activities of officially constituted student organizations.~~

~~H. _____ Promote desirable college publications~~

~~(B/R 4/05)~~

Section 3 ASWN shall perform service functions as follows:

A. Develop institutional morale.

B. Act as liaison between students, faculty and the administration for the purpose of promoting cooperation.

C. Welcome and assist campus visitors when student activities are involved.

D. Actively participate in student recruitment for ASWN and college wide.

E. Oversee the activities of officially constituted student organizations.

F.

Section 8 Any student, to be eligible to hold elective or appointive office, must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5. This requirement must be met at the beginning of each semester while in office. (B/R 4/05)

Section 9 Any vacancy in any elective office, other than the President's, shall be filled on the Carson **or Fallon** campus by appointment made by the President with a majority approval of the Carson student

Section 2 Executive Officers and Senators shall:

- A. Attend USA ASWN meetings.
- B. Serve on or Chair USA ASWN and campus committees when appointed.
- C. Attend and assist in the implementation of USA ASWN activities.
- D. Fulfill office hour requirements and additional responsibilities as outlined in the USA ASWN Policies and Procedures.
- E. Comply with all additional responsibilities outlined in the Policies and Procedures Manual. (B/R 4/05) **(B/R 2/08)**

Section 3 The President shall:

- A. Preside at all USA ASWN meetings.
- B. Represent the USA ASWN in the college community and the State meetings when and where appropriate.
- C. Monitor and report on all progress and implementation of all actions and transactions of the USA ASWN.
- D. Appoint all students serving on college committees, with approval of the Executive Board. (B/R 1/00) (B/R 4/05) **(B/R 2/08)**
- E. **Vote on ASWN meetings only in the event of a tie vote of the senate and other Executive officers.**

Section 4 The Vice-Presidents shall:

- A. Act as a Parliamentarian at all USA ASWN meetings.
- B. Assume all powers of the President in his/her absence.
- C. ~~Vote in USA meetings only in the event of a tie vote of the senate;~~ (B/R 1/00) Oversee all USA ASWN sponsored activities, events and USA ASWN committees. **(B/R 2/08)**
- D. Appoint students and/or USA ASWN elected members to USA ASWN committees. **(B/R 2/08)**
- E. In the event of a vacancy of the office of President, ~~the Vice President~~ **one of the Vice-Presidents will immediately become President by a majority vote of the Senate. (B/R 2/08)**
- F. Assist the President in the monitoring and reporting on the implementation and progress of all actions and transactions of the USA ASWN. (B/R 4/93) **(B/R 2/08)**
- G. **Chair the student programming board on their specific campus. (B/R 2/08)**

~~Section 9 ——— {u2} The Fallon Senator appointed as Chair of the Fallon Senate shall:~~

~~A. Preside at all USA Fallon Senate meetings;~~

~~B. Represent the USA in the Fallon college community when and where appropriate;~~

~~C. Monitor and report on the progress and implementation of all actions and transactions of the Fallon Senate.~~

~~Section 10 ——— {u3} The Fallon Senator appointed as Vice Chair of the Fallon Senate shall:~~

~~A. Act as Parliamentarian at all Fallon USA meetings;~~

~~B. Assume all powers of the Fallon Chair in his/her absence;~~

~~C. Oversee all Fallon ASWN sponsored activities, events, and USA Fallon committees;~~

~~D. Assist the Fallon Chair in monitoring and reporting on the implementation and progress of all action and transactions of the Fallon Senate;~~

~~E. In the event of a vacancy of the office of Chair of the Fallon Senate, the Vice Chair will immediately become Chair.~~

~~Section 11 ——— {u4}~~

Section 1 The USA

~~student government officers (Title 4, Chapter 18, Section 9.5). Each member of ASWN may submit a fee waiver agreement at the beginning of each semester.~~

Section 6 **To receive payment, all officers and senators must be enrolled in a minimum of six (6) credits at WNC and have fulfilled their position's responsibilities. Payments for service as an ASWN member shall be in compliance with the student employment office policies and procedures. (B/R 2/08)**

ARTICLE VI

Procedures of the ~~Student~~ Senate

Section 1 A quorum must be present in order for the Senate to conduct official business. A quorum for business transactions shall be fifty-one (51) percent of all Senators ~~on the Carson campus and fifty one percent of all Senators on the Fallon campus.~~ A quorum for all recall or impeachment shall be sixty (60) percent of all standing members on each respective campus. (B/R 1/00) **(B/R 2/08)**

Section 2 The ~~USA~~ **ASWN** shall meet on a weekly basis throughout the fall and spring semesters at a time agreed to by the majority of the ~~USA~~ **ASWN** members. The Executive Board may, at their discretion, not have a meeting, should it not be necessary because of lack of agenda items or holidays. (B/R 4/05) **(B/R 2/08)**

Section 3 All meetings of the ~~USA~~ **ASWN** shall be conducted by the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, or some agreed upon modification of these rules. (B/R 4/93) **(B/R 2/08)**

Section 4 All meetings shall comply with the Open Meeting Law of Nevada and the policies set forth by the Board of Regents of the **Nevada System of Higher Education.** ~~University and Community College System of Nevada.~~ (B/R 4/05) **(B/R 2/08)**

Section 5 The privilege of the floor at meetings of the ~~USA~~ **ASWN** shall be duly granted to any faculty member, college administrative officer, student organization representative, member of the ~~United Student Association~~ **Associated Students of Western Nevada**, and visitors upon proper request. (B/R 4/93) **(B/R 2/08)**

Section 6 Absence from three (3) consecutive meetings without justification deemed reasonable by the Senate shall result in impeachment proceedings. (B/R 4/93)

Section 7 Absence from a total of five (5) meetings during a term of office without justification deemed reasonable by the Senate shall also result in disciplinary proceedings. (B/R 4/05)

Section 8 All ~~USA~~ **ASWN** business shall be conducted in accordance with the ~~USA~~ **ASWN** Policies and Procedures **Manual**. The policies and procedures may be modified by a majority vote of the Senate on each respective campus. (B/R 1/00) **(B/R 2/08)**

Section 1 The term “student organization” shall apply to all organized groups which conform to the qualifications of the ~~USA ASWN~~ and meet with its approval and thereby qualify as “on-campus organizations”. Membership in these organizations shall be open to all eligible registered students. (B/R 4/93) **(B/R 2/08)**

Section 2 Only those organizations shall be recognized which have as a purpose one or more of the following:

- A. To increase and stimulate the student’s knowledge and interest in a curricular field.
- B. To promote a feeling of fellowship among students with similar interests.
- C. To sponsor educational and recreational activities. (B/R 4/93) **(B/R 2/08)**

Section 3 All recognized organizations must meet the following requirements:

- A. A college faculty or staff member as an advisor.
- B. Hold a minimum of one (1) monthly meeting.
- C. Submit a report of the organization’s activities **and official business** ~~by the third Friday of each month~~ to the Secretary of the Senate. **(B/R 2/08)**
- D. Sponsor for its members and their guests at least one educational or social activity each semester.
- E. Maintain a membership of at least five (5) students. (B/R 4/05) **(B/R 2/08)**

Section 4 A new student organization must file a petition for approval with the ~~USA ASWN~~. The Senate shall act upon receiving the completed application. Once approved, the organization retains this approval unless and until it is revoked. The senate shall act upon the completed application within a notable time period (two weeks) **when in session**

Section 1 Probation and Impeachment:

A. Reasons for probation shall consist of: Unsatisfactory meeting attendance, lack of participation in USA ASWN activities, unsatisfactory performance of USA ASWN responsibilities, failure to act in accordance with UCCSN Nevada System of Higher Education and WNEC rules and regulations, failure to follow USA ASWN policies and procedures, malfeasance (wrong doing or misconduct) and/or continuous failure to complete assigned projects within a time period agreed upon by the USA

Amendments

Section 1 Amendments to this constitution and the rules and procedures of the ~~USA~~ **ASWN** may be proposed by a majority of the voting members of the Senate or a petition signed by ten (10) percent of the current student body. (B/R 4/93)) **(B/R 2/08)**

Section 2 Amendments to this constitution may be ratified by referring proposed amendments to the student body for their approval or rejection; a simple majority of the students voting in an election for this purpose will be adequate to recommend amendments to the constitution. A majority vote of the ~~student~~ Senate may also be adequate to ratify amendments to the constitution. (B/R 4/93)) **(B/R 2/08)**

Section 3 The President of Western Nevada ~~Community~~ College must approve any proposed amendments. (B/R 4/05)) **(B/R 2/08)**

Section 4 Amendments approved by the President of Western Nevada ~~Community~~-College must be submitted to the Board of Regents of the **Nevada System of Higher Education**. ~~University and Community College System of Nevada for approval.~~ (B/R 4/93)) **(B/R 2/08)**

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