

CONSTITUTION OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA

ARTICLE 1

The Association

SECTION 100.0 This Association shall be known as the Associated Students of the University of Nevada, hereafter referred to as the ASUN.

SECTION 110.0 The purpose of the ASUN shall be:

- 110.1 To provide means for responsible and effective student participation in the organization and control of student affairs;
- 110.2 To provide an official and representative student organization with powers to receive complaints, investigate student problems, and participate in decisions involving students;
- 110.3 To take action in the best interest of the student body and the university community;
- 110.4 To provide an official voice through which student opinion can be expressed;
- 110.5 To provide means whereby students may gain experience and training in responsible political participation and community leadership; and
- 110.6 To foster awareness of the student's role in the campus, local, state, national, and international communities.

SECTION 120.0 Membership in the ASUN shall be automatic for undergraduate students registered for one (1) or more credits.

SECTION 130.0 A government of the ASUN is hereby established, whose purpose shall be to represent and act for the student body. This government shall function through:

- 130.1 A legislative branch,
- 130.2 An executive branch, and
- 130.3 A judicial branch.

SECTION 140.0 All elected ~~and appointed~~ members of this government shall at the time of election and throughout their term be enrolled in at least seven (7) undergraduate credits and have at least a 2.50 grade point average. All appointed members of this government shall at the time of election and throughout their term be enrolled in at least seven (7) undergraduate credits and have at least a 2.20 grade point average.

SECTION 150.0 All members of the ASUN government shall be elected in the general election on the Wednesday and Thursday on or preceding March 15. They shall take office on the Wednesday closest to April 15.

SECTION 160.0 No member of the government may hold more than one elected **or appointed** ASUN position at one time.

SECTION 170.0 No Senator serving on the Publications Board will be allowed to serve on the staffs of any ASUN publication.

SECTION 180.0 All meetings of the ASUN, including but not limited to the ASUN Senate, Programming Board, **Clubs & Organizations** Board, Publications Board, and Fiscal Allocations Board and all Senate subcommittees, will be governed by Roberts Rules of Order, Latest Edition.

ARTICLE II

The Legislative Branch

SECTION 200.0 The legislative branch shall be known as the Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada, hereafter referred to as the Senate.

SECTION 210.0 The Senate will be composed of not more than twenty-**eight (28)** members of the ASUN as follows:

210.1 One (1) member to be elected from within each coPube -orecogzo

- 250.9 To grant or refuse recognition to all student organizations.
- 250.10 To try an elected officer of the ASUN upon his/her impeachment.
- 250.11 To approve the appointment of an Election Board Chairperson and Election Board members.
- 250.12 To fill any vacancies in the ASUN government not provided for otherwise.
- 250.13 To appoint investigative subcommittees.
- 250.14 The ASUN Senate shall be the sole judge of its own members and may discipline its members for any conduct unbecoming of that body. The member may be censured by a majority vote of the members present and may be expelled by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those elected.

SECTION 260.0 The Senate shall approve or disapprove the actions of the **Clubs & Organizations Board**, Programming Board, Publications Board, ~~and the~~ Fiscal Allocations Board, **and the Elections Board**.

- 260.1 Approval or disapproval of board action shall require a majority vote of the Senate membership.
- 260.2 A directive to reconsider an action or decision may not be passed until the next regular meeting of the Senate.
- 260.3 Disapproval may not be made of entertainment contracts, once signed, or of professional and classified contracts and salaries.

SECTION 270.0 The Senate at its first organizational meeting shall elect from its membership a Speaker who shall serve as presiding officer and who shall have the following powers and duties:

- 270.1 To vote to make or break a tie vote.
- 270.2 To serve as a voting member of the Executive Council.
- 270.3 To prepare the agenda for the Senate.
- 270.4 To inform the Senate on all pertinent actions and expenditures by the ASUN during the interim periods.
- 270.5 To serve as a voting member of the Programming Board.
- 270.6 To serve as ASUN President in the incapacity of both the ASUN President and ASUN Executive Vice President or vacancy of both offices.
- 270.7 Any other duties that the ASUN Senate shall delegate to him/her.

SECTION 280.0 Removal of the Speaker of the Senate shall require a majority vote of the Senate membership.

SECTION 290.0 The Senate must have a quorum of two-thirds (2/3) of its membership to conduct business.

ARTICLE III

The Executive Branch

SECTION 300.0 The executive branch of the ASUN shall consist of the following officers:

300.1 The ASUN President

300.2 The ASUN Executive Vice President

300.3 The Speaker of the Senate

300.4 The Vice President for Programming

300.5 The Vice President for Clubs & Organizations

SECTION 310.0 The executive branch shall administer the affairs of the ASUN and shall enforce all **statutes** enacted by the Senate.

~~330.8 To act as liaison between the Senate and all ASUN recognized organizations.~~

330.9 To review the specifications of all publications and approve the final budgets.

330.10 Any other duties that the ASUN Senate shall delegate to him/her.

SECTION 340.0 The powers and duties of the Vice President for Programming shall be:

340.1 To serve as the chief administrative officer of activities sponsored by the ASUN.

340.2 To serve as chairperson of the Programming Board, voting only to make or break a tie vote.

340.3 To prepare a general budget for his/her term of office, which shall be presented to the

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SECTION 370.0 The executive officers must have these additional qualifications:

- 370.1 The ASUN Speaker of the Senate shall meet the qualifications of a Senator.
- 370.2 The ASUN Executive Vice President and Vice President for Programming shall have completed at least forty-five (45) undergraduate credits upon filing for elective office.
- 370.3 The ASUN President shall have completed at least sixty (60) undergraduate credits upon filing for elective office.
- 370.4 Membership in the ASUN for any two (2) semesters, including the semester during which the election is held.

ARTICLE IV

Boards and Committees

SECTION 400.0 There shall be an Executive Council with general powers of administration, review and recommendation.

- 400.1 The Council shall consist of the ASUN President, the ASUN Executive Vice President, the ASUN Speaker of the Senate, ~~and the ASUN Vice President for Programming, and the ASUN Vice President for Clubs & Organizations.~~
- 400.2 The powers and duties of the council shall include the following:
 - 400.2A To call special assemblies of the ASUN.
 - 400.2B To recommend to the ASUN Senate the committee and board assignments of all Senators in the ASUN Senate.
 - 400.2C All duties and powers not specifically herein delegated shall revert to the ASUN Executive Council.
- 400.3 The Executive Council shall have the power to call for emergency action during Senate interim breaks. An interim break shall be considered any period of time when an agendaized, weekly Senate meeting is not held.**
 - 400.3A The ASUN President shall determine if a situation requiring emergency action exists.**
 - 400.3B Following the determination of need by the ASUN President, emergency actions may be taken upon approval of at least three (3) members of the ASUN Executive Council, one of whom must be the Speaker of the Senate.**
 - 400.3C All interim emergency actions shall be considered official ASUN actions.**
 - 400.3D The ASUN President shall give a report on all emergency actions taken during each interim period at the first ASUN Senate meeting following the interim.**

SECTION 410.0 The Fiscal Allocations Board shall consist of the following voting members: One-third (1/3) of the membership of the ASUN Senate and two (2) programming board members, as assigned by the Executive Council and be chaired by the ASUN President who may vote only to make or break a tie vote. **Non-voting members shall include the ASUN Executive Vice President, the ASUN Vice President for Programming, the ASUN Vice President for Clubs & Organizations and the ASUN Administrative Secretary.** (~~The ASUN Administrative Secretary and ASUN Executive Vice President and the ASUN Vice President for Programming shall serve as non-voting members.~~)

- 410.1 The Fiscal Allocations Board shall have the following powers and duties:

- 410.1A To appropriate annual ASUN fee revenues among the four (4) major ASUN boards; Programming, Publications, **Clubs & Organizations**, and Fiscal Allocations.
- 410.1B To maintain a reserve contingency fund not to exceed five percent (5%) of the total annual fee revenues.
- 410.1C To direct all savings and investments functions to be derived solely from non-fee revenues.
- 410.1D To approve and publish an annual program budget together with publication of general program objectives and a priorities statement by no later than the last regular school day in September.
- 410.1E To set the wages of the ASUN officers and senators at least a month before their election. Any increase shall be subject to approval by a majority vote of the students voting in the election.
- 410.1F To make appropriations from the contingency fund to the four (4) major ASUN boards.
- 410.1G To direct the savings and investment function of the ASUN as may be necessary.

430.1 The Publications Board shall consist of the following voting members: the ASUN Executive Vice President, who shall act as chairperson and may vote only to make or break a tie vote, one-third (1/3) of the membership of the Senate, as assigned by the Executive Council, editors/**managers** of the student newspaper (Sagebrush), the yearbook (Artemesia), the arts magazine (Brushfire), **and the radio station (Wolfpack Radio)**. ~~(and the advertising manager)~~. Non-voting members shall be the ASUN

, **the Coordinator of the Associated Manager**

ARTICLE V

The Judicial Branch

SECTION 500.0 The Judicial Branch of the ASUN shall function through:

500.1 The Student Judicial Council.

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610.1 Definition

610.1A Any officer or Senator shall be liable to impeachment for malfeasance in office.

610.1B Judgement shall be limited to removal from office and disqualification to hold any other ASUN office.

610.2 Procedures

620.3D Recall shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total number of students who signed the recall petition.

620.3E If an at-large officer is recalled, then primary and general elections as needed shall be held within two (2) weeks with the ASUN voting at large.

620.3F At-large shall mean any ASUN elective officer whose constituency comes from more than one (1) university college.

SECTION 630.0 Initiative and Referendum

630.1 Any statute, resolution, or enactment may be put to a vote of the student body.

630.2 Procedures

630.2A A petition with the signatures of fifty percent (50%) of the total number of ASUN members that voted in the previous election must be presented to the Judicial Council for verification.

630.2B Upon verification ASUN shall be charged with the duty of submission of the question to the voters at the next succeeding election.

630.2C Approval shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total number of students who signed the initiative/referendum petition.

SECTION 640.0 Fiscal Procedures

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