

BOARD OF REGENTS
BRIEFING PAPER

1. Agenda Item Title: Amendment to Constitution of the ASCSN

2. BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:

The College of Southern Nevada seeks to amend the Associated Student Body Constitution to reflect the

Constitution
Associated Students
Community College
Southern Nevada

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alumni of WCSN but have none of the obligations or privileges of ASCCSN membership except as shall be bestowed by majority vote of the Senate in an official act.

Article IV

Officers and Election

- IV.1 The Executive Board of ASCCSN shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- IV.2 Additionally, there shall be a Student Senate, comprised of Executive Board members and Senators elected from eligible members of the student body. Senators shall be elected in equal number from each of the three main campuses of Cheyenne, Charleston, and Henderson. Two Senators shall represent extension campuses and affiliated sites.
- IV.3 The Executive Board and Senate shall be empowered to conduct business in the name of and for the benefit of all members of the ASCCSN.
- IV.4 An EI

If a member of AS@CSN is submitting a letter of intent to be appointed to any senate position and the appointed term would exceed the two-term limit, that candidate for appointment would be ineligible for consideration of the open senate position. All declarations of candidacy must include an unofficial transcript from the @CSN Admissions and Records office, an application of candidacy, a picture, and a signed affidavit from Student Government. All applications must be submitted before the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on the designated day. Failure to provide all documents and picture prior to 5:00 p.m. on the designated day shall result in disqualification. All qualifications for specific offices must be met including:

- A. Senatorial candidates must complete at least one course at @CSN prior to running for office and must provide proof of a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher to be eligible. Senatorial candidates must declare the campus they wish to represent, and if successful in pursuit of office, must provide proof of enrollment

IV.9 To remain in office, all ~~Seniors~~ and Executive B

and by posting a copy of the announcement in the immediate vicinity of the Student Government Offices in accordance with Nevada Open Meeting Law. Permanent posters announcing days, times, and locations of meetings will be prominently displayed at all

succeed into that vacant position. Such succession shall take effect immediately upon notification to the Senate of the vacancy and will be limited to the completion of the elected term.

- VI.4 In the event of a vacancy occurring in any position other than the President, the Executive Board shall recommend an appointee to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term according to Article IV.8. The recommendation shall be ratified at the next regularly scheduled Senate meeting by a majority vote of the Senate before succession takes place.

Article VII

Boards, Committees, and Assignments

- VII.1 A member of the Senate shall chair all Student Government boards and committees. The President shall make assignments to boards and committees with consideration given to desire and experience of the elected Senator.
- VII.2 Boards and committees, including standing committees, may be established as needed, but will require assignment of a chairperson and a written set of bylaws within two weeks of establishment.
- VII.3 Boards and committees shall be governed by the applicable bylaws and published policies of each, as approved by the Senate.
- VII.4 Board and committee bylaws shall become effective upon a majority vote by the Senate.

- VIII.4 Upon receipt of a recall petition, the Election Board shall meet to determine the validity of the petition. Recall petitions must receive a two-thirds majority vote of the Election Board to pass.
- VIII.5 If the Election Board deems the recall petition appropriate, the Senate is required to initiate

a general election.

- X.3 Approval of the initiative proposal requires a majority of the votes cast in the general election
- X.4 Legislation enacted by means of initiative proposals may be amended or revoked only referendum.

Article XI

Constitution and Bylaw Amendment Procedure

- XI.1 The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the students voting in a general election.
- XI.2 The ~~UCCSN~~ Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents shall ratify amendments to the Constitution before they become effective.
- XI.3 Any member of the ASGCSN may propose an amendment with a petition signed by at least ten percent of the members of the ASGCSN at the time of the proposed amendment.
- XI.4 The Senate may propose an amendment after a two-thirds majority vote of the Senate.
- XI.5 The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the ASGCSN no later than the next regularly scheduled general election following the filing of the petition.
- XI.6 All proposed amendments shall be made public a minimum of ten days prior to the scheduled general election.
- XI.7 The Senate shall adopt appropriate By-laws for the conduct of its business. Any changes to the By-laws shall require a 2/3 majority vote of the Senate. All proposed changes to bylaws of the ASGCSN By-laws shall be made public for a minimum of ten days prior to any vote held by the ASGCSN Senate in a regularly scheduled meeting.

Article XII

Student Clubs 1 Organizations

- XII.1 The term "Student Club I Organization" shall apply to all organized student groups. These organized student groups shall satisfy the qualifications established by the Senate and the ~~UCCSN~~ Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents before being recognized by the Senate. Membership in these organized student groups shall be open to all registered students.

- XII.2 The local chapter of any nationally recognized organization shall accept membership according to their established written criteria, so long as those criteria are not impermissibly discriminatory.
- XII.3 Any organized student group must file a petition for approval with the Senate. The Senate shall act upon the petition at the next r

Article XIV

Enabling Clause

- XIV.1 Enactment of the Constitution of the Associated Students of the ~~Community~~ College of Southern Nevada requires Senate approval by a two-thirds majority and ratification by the Nevada System of Higher Education ~~University and Community College System of Nevada~~ Board of Regents.
- XIV.2 This Constitution supersedes and amends all other Constitutions and By-laws of ASCCSN.
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