

# ASUN Constitution

CONSTITUTION OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE  
UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO

## Article I The Association

Article I deals with the basic establishment of the ASUN and is unchanged with the exception of the elimination of registration required to be a member of the ASUN.

Section 120.0. Membership in the A.S.U.N. shall be automatic upon payment of the A.S.U.N. fee.

## 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, Reno, hereafter referred to as the Senate.

Section 210.0. The Senate shall be composed of not more than twenty (20) members of the A.S.U.N. as follows:

210.1. One (1) member to be elected from within each college.

210.2. The balance apportioned among the colleges to approximate as closely as possible one (1) per son, one (1) vote.

Section 220.0. Every two (2) years, the Senate shall re-establish the number and the apportionment of the Senators. This shall be done by a two-thirds (2-3) vote of the Senate membership.

Section 230.0. Election and tenure of office shall be one (1) year for all members of the Senate.

Section 240.0. The Senate shall have the following powers and duties:

240.1. To enact and amend statutes. Statutes will here designate those laws which implement provisions of the Constitution;

240.2. To endorse resolutions. Resolutions shall be formal expressions of opinion, will, or intent;

240.3. To formulate policies. Policies shall be defined as provisions and limitations on administrative procedure;

240.4. To issue directives. Directives shall state actions to be taken by executive officers or A.S.U.N. Boards.

240.5. To approve by a two-thirds (2-3) vote of the Senators present all appointments of the Executive Officers;

240.6. To override the A.S.U.N. President's veto by a two-thirds (2-3) vote of the A.S.U.N. membership;

240.7. To make recommendations. Recommendations shall be expressions of approval, disapproval, or advice;

240.8. To establish those committees necessary for its investigation and actions;

240.9. To grant or refuse to grant recognition to all student organizations;

240.10. To try an elected officer of the A.S.U.N. upon his impeachment.

240.11. To fill any vacancies in the A.S.U.N. government not otherwise provided for.

240.12. To direct the Elections Board to conduct special elections on referenda items.

Section 241.0. The Senate shall approve or disapprove the actions of Finance Control Board, Activities Board, Publications Board, Bookstore Advisory Board, and the Program and Budget Committee.

241.1. Approval or disapproval of Board action shall require a majority of the Senate membership.

241.2. A directive to reconsider an action or decision may not be passed until the next regular meeting of the Senate.

241.3. Disapproval may not be made of entertainment contracts, once signed, nor of professional contracts and salaries.

Section 250.0. The Senate, at its first organizational meeting, shall elect from its membership a President who shall serve as presiding officer.

Section 260.0. 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 A.S.U.N. shall consist of the following officers:

300.1. The A.S.U.N. President;

300.2. The Vice-President of Finance and Publications;

300.3. The Vice-President of Activities.

Section 310.0. The executive branch shall administer the affairs of the A.S.U.N., and shall enforce all statutes enacted by the Senate.

Section 320.0. The powers and duties of the President shall be:

320.1. To act as chief executive officer.

320.2. To serve as Chairman of the Program and Budget Committee; he/she may vote to make or break a vote.

320.3. To serve as Chairman of the Executive Council, and as ex-officio member of all A.S.U.N. boards and committees.

320.4. To make all appointments except those specifically designated to another officer.

320.5. To veto any act, in part or in whole, enacted by Senate. If neither signed nor vetoed, the act becomes effective in ten (10) days following its passage.

Section 330.0. The powers and duties of the Vice-President of Finance and Publications shall be:

330.1. To serve as the chief administrative officer of Finance and Publications.

330.2. To serve as Chairman of the Finance Control Board and Publications Board, and to vote only to make or break a tie vote.

330.3. To serve as a voting member of the Program and Budget Committee.

330.4. To prepare a general budget for his/her term of office, which shall be presented to the Program and Budget Committee. This budget shall be printed and made available to all members of the A.S.U.N. prior to September 1.

330.5. To serve as a voting member of the Executive Council.

330.6. To serve as A.S.U.N. President, in the absence of the A.S.U.N. President.

330.7. Any other duties that the A.S.U.N. President shall delegate to him/her.

Section 340.0. The powers and duties of the Vice-President of Activities shall be:

340.1. To serve as the chief administrative officer of activities sponsored by the A.S.U.N.

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

340.3. To serve as a voting member of the Program and Budget Committee.

340.4. To prepare a general budget for his/her term of office, which shall be presented to the Program and Budget Committee. This budget shall be printed and made available to all members of the A.S.U.N. prior to September 1.

340.5. To serve as a voting member of the Executive Council.

340.6. To serve as A.S.U.N. President in the absence of both the A.S.U.N. President and the Vice-President of Finance and Publications.

340.7. Any other duties that the A.S.U.N. President delegates to him/her.

Section 350.0. Tenure of office shall be one (1) year.

Section 360.0. The executive officer must have these additional qualifications:

360.1. Upperclass standing in their colleges at the time of their election.

+360.2. Membership in the A.S.U.N. for any two (2) semesters, including the semester during which the election is held.

Section 370.0. The executive officers shall receive a scholarship fixed by the Finance Control Board.

## 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 A.S.U.N. President, the Vice-President of Finance and Publications, the Vice-President of Activities, and the Senate President.

400.2. The powers and duties of the Council shall include the following:

400.2A. To determine the agenda of Senate.

400.2B. To review the qualifications of those nominated for vacancies in A.S.U.N. offices.

400.2C. To call special assemblies of the A.S.U.N.

400.2D. To examine all proposed statutes and amendments to the Constitution, and to give indication of approval or disapproval to the Senate.

400.2E. To make the committee and board assignments of all senators in the A.S.U.N. Senate.

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400.2F. All duties and powers not specifically herein delegated shall revert to the A.S.U.N. Executive Council.

Section 410.0. The Program and Budget Committee shall have control of the administration of all A.S.U.N. funds to include, but not specifically limited to, A.S.U.N. fee revenues, savings, investments, and all other funds from whatever source.

410.1. The Program and Budget Committee shall consist of the following voting members: the A.S.U.N. President, who shall serve as Chairman, voting only to make or break a tie vote, the Vice-President of Finance and Publications, the Vice-President of Activities, and six (6) Senators from the A.S.U.N. Senate, as selected from the membership of three major A.S.U.N. Boards; Activities, Finance, and Publications.

410.2. The Program and Budget Committee shall have the following powers and duties:

410.2A. To appropriate annual A.S.U.N. fee revenues to the three (3) major A.S.U.N. Boards, Activities, Finance, and Publications.

410.2B. To maintain a reserve contingency fund not to exceed five per cent (5 per cent) of the total annual fee revenues.

410.2C. To direct all savings and investment functions to be derived solely from non-fee revenues.

410.2D. To act as the Interim Finance Committee.

410.2E. 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.

410.2F. To provide in the budget of the Finance Control Board sufficient funds to pay for fixed operating cost obligations resulting from or incurred as a result of normal business function of the Association.

410.2G. Upon completion of the annual operating budget and following final authorization and allocation of annual fee revenues to the respective boards, the Program and Budget Committee shall become the Interim Finance Committee.

410.2H. To receive and review the annual operating statement and audit of the A.S.U.N. Business Office pursuant to the close of the fiscal year.

410.2I. Provide for the publication of the annual operating statement and auditors opinion of the A.S.U.N. Business Office.

410.3. The Program and Budget Committee shall formulate such policies as are necessary for the proper control and management of A.S.U.N. funds.

Section 420.0. The Interim Finance Committee shall have in its charge and control those fee revenues not directly appropriated by the Program and Budget Committee, and further, but without specific limitation, savings funds, investment funds, and all other funds from whatever source.

420.1. The Interim Finance Committee shall consist of those members of the Executive Offices, and the A.S.U.N. Senate who previously constituted the Program and Budget Committee.

420.2. The Interim Finance Committee shall function from the adjournment of the last regular meeting of the Program and Budget Committee until the call to order of the first regular meeting of the Program and Budget Committee the following year.

420.3. The Interim Finance Committee shall have the following powers and duties:

420.3A. The responsibility for the supervision of professional, technical, and/or classified positions, as well as the determination of compensation of said positions.

420.3B. To set the scholarships of the A.S.U.N. officers.

420.3C. To make appropriations from the contingency reserve fund to the three major A.S.U.N. boards.

420.3D. To direct the savings and investment function of the A.S.U.N. as may be necessary.

420.3E. To receive and review the annual operating statement and audit of the A.S.U.N. Bookstore, pursuant to the close of the fiscal year.

420.4. The Interim Finance Committee shall formulate such policies as are necessary for the proper control and management of A.S.U.N. funds.

Section 430.0. The Finance Control Board shall have in its charge and control the administration of all A.S.U.N. finances appropriated to it by the Program and Budget Committee or the Interim Finance Committee.

430.1. The Finance Control Board shall consist of the following voting members: one-third (1-3) of the membership of the A.S.U.N. Senate, as assigned by Executive Council; the Vice-President of Finance and Publications, who may vote only to make or break a tie vote, and who shall serve as Chairman. Non-voting members shall be the A.S.U.N. President, Business Manager, any faculty advisors, and the A.S.U.N. Secretary.

430.2. The Finance Control Board shall have the following powers and duties:

430.2A. To receive and allot all A.S.U.N. finances appropriated to it by the Budget and Program Committee to any A.S.U.N. recognized organization or recognized business operation.

430.2B. To review the budget submitted by the Vice-President of Finance and Publications.

430.2C. To suspend the activities and withdraw financial support from any student organization of unsound financial condition.

430.2D. To authorize the solicitation of advertisement by any A.S.U.N. organization.

430.2E. To elect from the voting membership of the Board two (2) individuals to act as voting members of the Program and Budget Committee.

430.3. The Finance Control Board shall formulate such policies as are necessary for the proper control of A.S.U.N. funds.

Section 440.0. The Publications Board shall have in its charge and control the administration of all A.S.U.N. finances appropriated to it by the Program and Budget Committee or the Interim Finance Committee, as well as the responsibility for the policy of all A.S.U.N. publications.

440.1. The Publications Board shall consist of the following voting members: the Vice-President of Finance and Publications, who shall act as Chairman and may vote only to make or break a tie vote, one-third (1-3) of the membership of Senate as assigned by the Executive Council. Non-voting members shall be the A.S.U.N. President, the A.S.U.N. Business Manager, the editors of all A.S.U.N. publications, any faculty advisors, and the A.S.U.N. Secretary.

440.2. The Publications Board shall have the following powers and duties:

440.2A. To allocate those funds authorized by the Program and Budget Committee for the purpose of providing those publications deemed necessary.

440.2B. To appoint the editors and business managers of all A.S.U.N. publications.

440.2C. To remove by a two-thirds (2-3) vote of the voting membership of the Publications Board the editor or business manager of any A.S.U.N. publication.

440.2D. To review the budget of the Vice-President of Finance and Publications.

440.2E. To elect from the voting membership of the board two (2) individuals to act as voting members of the Program and Budget Committee.

440.3. The Publications Board shall formulate control of A.S.U.N. funds and the conduct of

Section 450.0. The Activities Board shall have control of the administration of all A.S.U.N. finances appropriated to it by the Program and Budget Committee or the Interim Finance Committee, and shall have the following powers and duties: planning, supervision, and presentation of a

450.1. The Activities Board shall consist of the President of Activities, who shall serve as Chairman, and one-third (1-3) membership of the Non-voting members shall be the Union Director, faculty advisors, and the A.S.U.N. Secretary.

450.2. The Activities Board shall have the following powers and duties:

450.2A. To review and approve a year's program of activities.

450.2B. To review and approve the general program of activities for presentation to the Program and Budget Committee.

450.2C. To interview all candidates for the position of Coordinator and make recommendations to the Program and Budget Committee.

450.2D. To approve the Vice-President of Activities.

450.2E. To submit to the A.S.U.N. President a list of candidates to be considered chairmen of the major A.S.U.N. boards.

450.2F. To elect from the voting membership of the Program and Budget Committee voting members of the Program and Budget Committee.

450.2G. To recommend policy for the operation of the Activities Board.

450.2H. To publish an activities calendar.

450.3. The Activities Board shall formulate control of A.S.U.N. funds and the conduct of the Activities Board.

Section 460.0. The A.S.U.N. President may appoint a cabinet of advisors.

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Section 500.0. The Judicial Branch of the A.S.U.N.

500.1. The Student Judicial Council.

500.2. Any and all Special Hearing Boards, the Regents of the University of Nevada and the cases of student misconduct.

Section 510.0. The Student Judicial Council shall have jurisdiction.

510.1. The Council shall consist of five members representing administrative representation as it shall

510.1A. The Chief Justice.

510.1B. The Associate Chief Justice.

510.1C. Three (3) Associate Justices.

510.2. The Judicial Council shall have the following powers and duties:

510.2A. To act as the primary hearing body for the Disciplinary Rules and Procedures of the A.S.U.N.

510.2B. To interpret the Constitution of the A.S.U.N. at the request of the Executive Council or any other body.

510.2C. To direct the reapportionment of the A.S.U.N. membership.

510.2D. To rule on the validity of all A.S.U.N. elections in the case of a discrepancy.

510.2E. To act as an arbitration board for the A.S.U.N.

510.2F. The Judicial Council shall have the authority to appoint committees from the Senate with the approval of the Executive Council.

Section 520.0. All justices must have previously served on the Executive Council or any other body.

Section 530.0. The members of the Student Judicial Council shall be appointed in the following manner:

530.1. The Student Judicial Council, the Student Senate shall submit to the Senate a list of candidates.

530.2. The Senate shall elect members from the nominations given to them.

Section 540.0. Tenure of office shall be two years.

Section 550.0. Justices may be removed from office by a two-thirds (2-3) vote of the Executive Council or any other body.

550.1. The Executive Council or any other body may remove or more members of the Council.

550.2. The Senate may then bring the justices before the Council.

550.3. The Senate will try the case; conviction shall result in removal.

Section 560.0. All Special Hearing Boards shall have jurisdiction over the Disciplinary Rules and Procedures of the University of Nevada with the advice of the Student Judicial Council.

Section 570.0. All Special Hearing Boards shall be appointed by the Disciplinary Rules and Procedures of the University of Nevada.

# Article VI

## Ammendment, Initiative, Impeachment, Recall

Section 600.0. Amendment of this constitution shall require the following procedure:

- 600.1. Proposal by a two-thirds (2-3) vote of the Senate membership; or
- 600.2. Proposal by a petition signed by ten per cent (10 per cent), with at least one per cent (1 per cent) of the signatures from each college.
- 600.3. Approval by a two-thirds (2-3) vote of the A.S.U.N., with at least twenty-five per cent (25 per cent) of the membership voting.

Section 610.0. Impeachment.

610.1. Definition.

- 610.1A. Any A.S.U.N. officer 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 A.S.U.N. Office.
- 610.1C. The party, whether convicted or acquitted, shall be liable to the University and-or civil charges.

610.2. Procedures.

- 610.2A. Documented proof or supported allegations of malfeasance must be presented to the Executive Council for review.
- 610.2B. Upon cause, the Executive Council may act upon charges and refer the case to the Senate Rules Committee for any evidentiary hearing.
- 610.2C. Upon hearing from the accused and the accuser(s), the Senate Rules Committee shall either dismiss the case or impeach the accused by a majority vote.

610.3. Hearing.

- 610.3A. The Chief Justice of the A.S.U.N. Judicial Council will chair the impeachment hearings before Senate.
- 610.3B. The accused and the accuser(s) shall be allowed to present their case.
- 610.3C. The accused will be removed from office by a three-fourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) vote of the Senate membership.

Section 620.0. Recall.

620.1. Definition.

- 620.1A. All the A.S.U.N. elected officers are subject to recall by members of the A.S.U.N.
- 620.1B. No officer may be subject to recall before he has held office for two (2) months.

620.2. Procedures—College Senators.

- 620.2A. A petition with the signatures of fifty per cent (50 per cent) of the college members in the College of the senator in question who voted in the last regular general election, must be presented to the A.S.U.N. Election Board for verification.
- 620.2B. Upon verification, Election Board will hold a special election within three (3) weeks from the date the petition was submitted to Election Board.
- 620.2C. The reasons for recall as stated on the petition shall be printed on the ballot.
- 620.2D. Recall shall require a two-thirds (2-3) vote of the total number of students who voted in that college's election in which the officer was elected.
- 620.2E. If a senator is recalled, then primary and general elections as needed shall be held within two (2) weeks, and solely within the membership of that college.

620.3. Procedures—Officers Elected At-Large.

- 620.3A. A petition with the signatures of fifty per cent (50 per cent) of the A.S.U.N. members who voted in the last regular general election must be presented to the A.S.U.N. Election Board for verification.
- 620.3B. Upon verification, election Board will hold a special election within three (3) weeks from the date the petition was submitted to them.
- 620.3C. The reasons for recall as stated on the petition shall be printed on the ballot.
- 620.3D. Recall shall require a two-thirds (2-3) vote of the total number of students who voted in the election in which the officer was elected.
- 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 A.S.U.N. voting at-large.
- 620.3F. At-large shall mean any A.S.U.N. 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 per cent (50 per cent) of the total number of voters who voted in the last regular general election must be presented to the A.S.U.N. Election Board for verification.
- 630.2B. Upon verification, Election Board shall be charged with the duty of submission of the question to the voters at the next succeeding election.
- 630.2C. Approval shall require the same vote as required within the A.S.U.N. Senate.

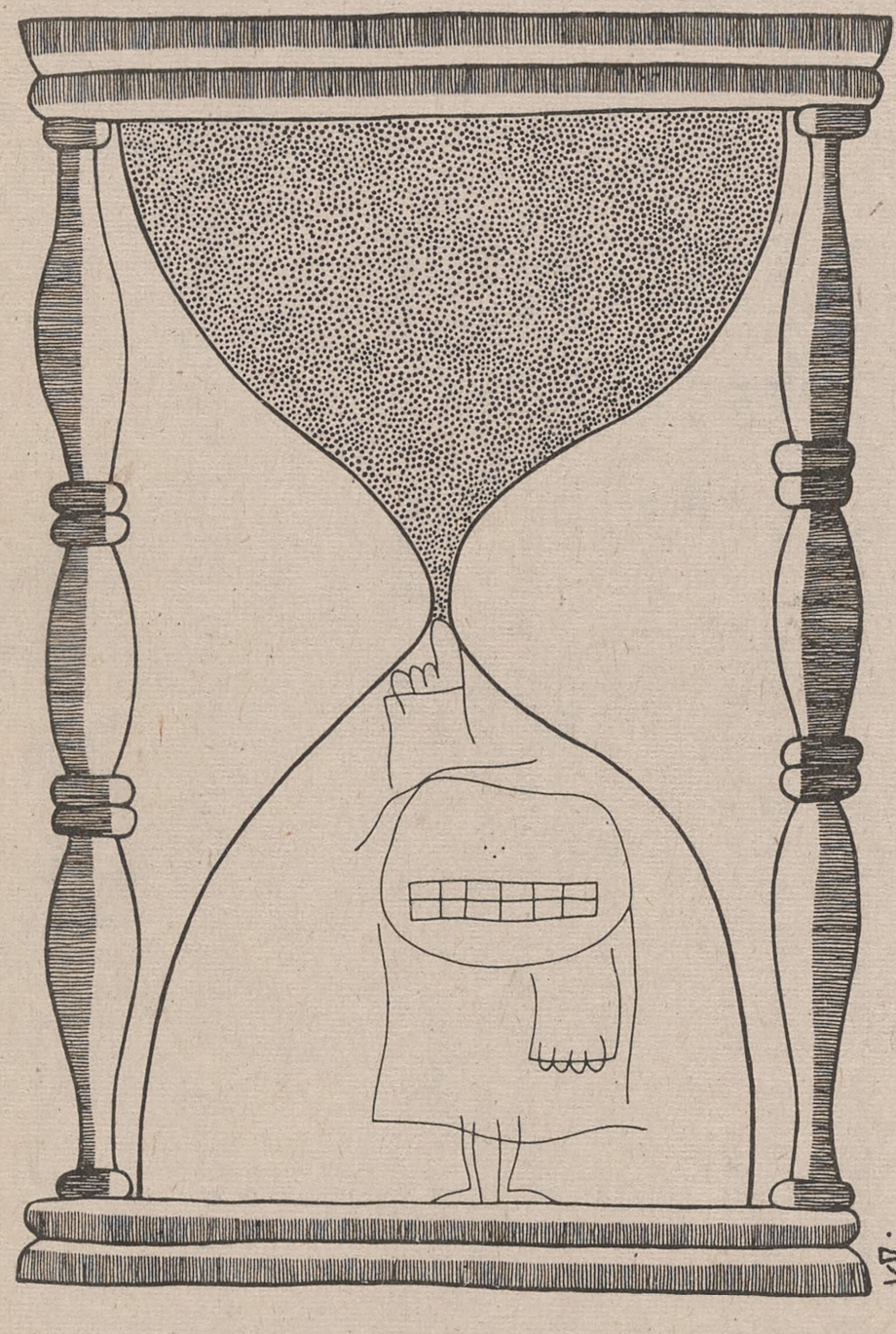
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Boldface items indicate those sections or subsections that have been changed or added and indicate further changes by Judicial Council review.

TO APPROVE THE NEW CONSTITUTION, A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY OF 30 PER CENT OF THE STUDENT BODY MUST VOTE YES ON THE PROPOSAL'

VOTING WILL BE OPEN ALL DAY THURSDAY AND FRIDAY. VOTING STANDS WILL BE IN EACH OF THE MAJOR COLLEGES DURING THE DAY AND FROM 8 A.M. UNTIL 6 P.M. IN THE STUDENT UNION.

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DUE TO WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY, THERE WILL BE NO REGULAR ISSUE OF THE SAGEBRUSH TODAY. HOWEVER, SINCE A SPECIAL ELECTION IS BEING HELD THURSDAY AND FRIDAY TO RATIFY A NEW PROPOSED ASUN CONSTITUTION, THAT DOCUMENT IS PRESENTED INSIDE.