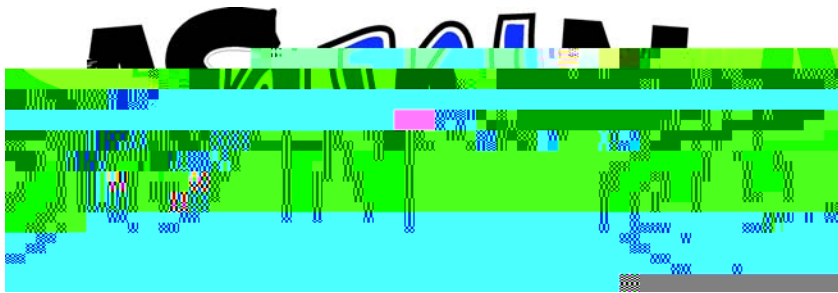


Western Nevada College

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF WESTERN NEVADA



CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

We, the student representatives of the Associated Students of Western Nevada at Western Nevada College, in order to advance the quality of education, promote student interests, and serve as an informed advocate of student concerns through awareness of WNC student needs to state agencies and public officials, do ordain and establish this constitution of the Associated Students of Western Nevada of Western Nevada College.

The Associated Students of Western Nevada of Western Nevada College in exercising authority granted by this Constitution shall conform to rules, regulations and policies as established by the Board of Regents, Western Nevada College and to all applicable statutes of the State of Nevada. If any of the provisions of this Constitution are deemed to be in conflict with any of the rules, regulations and policies of the Board of Regents, Western Nevada College or applicable statutes of the State of Nevada, those rules, regulations, policies and statutes shall control.

ARTICLE I

Name and Purpose

Section 1 The name of this association is the Associated Students of Western Nevada of Western Nevada College, hereafter referred to as the ASWN.

Section 2 The purpose of the ASWN shall be to represent all students currently enrolled at Western Nevada College through inner campus communication directed toward a united effort to enhance student life. ASWN is responsible for addressing student issues brought before the organization and:

- A. make recommendations concerning student welfare to those persons responsible for administration and college policies.
- B. enact legislation concerning student activities. Such legislation shall be consistent with rules, regulations and policies adopted by the Board of Regents and approved by the President of Western Nevada College.
- C. provide leadership for all of the student body.
- D. assist in directing or coordinating student activities.
- E. assess student opinions and needs as deemed necessary and proper, and to encourage student involvement.

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. Promote desirable college publications.

ARTICLE II

Membership and Representation

Section 1

Active membership shall be granted to those students who are enrolled at Western Nevada College in a minimum of six (6) credits of Full Time Equivalency (FTE) generating approved courses. These members are required to have an established cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher and must comply with all other requirements stated in this constitution as well as the ASWN Policies and Procedures Manual. Members shall have the right to hold office, the right to vote, and the right to participate in all activities sponsored by the ASWN.

Section 2 Campaigns may begin on the second Friday of March. An individual is not allowed to start campaigning until his/her application is submitted to and approved by the ASWN Advisor.

Section 3 Elections for President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and Senators shall begin on the first Monday in April and end at Noon (12:00P.M.) that following Friday. Election polls will be available at the Carson, Douglas, and Fallon campuses.

Installation of the newly elected Executive Officers and Senators will occur following the completion of the spring semester. These newly elected officials are requested, but not required, to participate in the student government unofficially upon learning the results of the elections.

Section 4 The President shall have the power to change the dates mentioned in the precluding three sections of this article with approval of the Senate.

Section 5 Candidates for President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and Senators must be enrolled in six (6) or more semester hours of credit courses at Western Nevada College. Six (6) or more semester hours of audit courses will be sufficient provided that the candidate has previously established a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or better.

Section 6 A student may serve a maximum of two (2) elected terms in one position, in addition to one appointed term. Any student who has served as President for two (2) elected terms is prohibited from being elected or appointed as Vice-President. Terms begin June 1st of the election year and end May 31st of the following year.

Section 7 Once elected, the Executive Officers and Senators must maintain enrollment in six (6) or more semester hours at Western Nevada College.

Section 8 Any student, to be eligible to hold elective or appointive office, must

Section 11 The Advisor and one ASWN member not entered in the election shall count the ballots and compile the results of all elections on each campus. (Ballots shall be kept in advisor's possession up to one (1) year following an election.)

Section 12 Recall shall be initiated in the following manner:

- A. Any student who is a member of the ASWN may initiate a recall.
- B. Reason(s) for a recall and the name(s) of the person(s) being recalled must be on a petition. Ten (10) percent or more of the current membership of the total student body must sign the petition. This petition must then be presented to the ASWN. At this time, expedient election procedure, seven (7) calendar days at the minimum, shall be initiated and officer(s) and/or senator(s) shall be removed from office by a majority vote of the ASWN.
- C. Another election shall take place within twenty-five (25) calendar days from the time the petition is presented to the Senate. That person (those persons) removed from office by recall shall be eligible to run again, as will any/all qualified person(s) who wish to oppose him/her.
- D. The candidate receiving a simple majority shall then be seated at the next regular session of the ASWN.

ARTICLE IV

Responsibilities of ASWN Members

Section 1 The Advisor shall serve to guide the ASWN student government through recommendations to facilitate the business, financial, and procedural affairs of the ASWN, and the student clubs and organizations.

Section 2 Executive Officers and Senators shall:

- A. Attend ASWN meetings.
- B. Serve on or Chair ASWN and campus committees when appointed.
- C. Attend and assist in the implementation of ASWN activities.
- D. Fulfill office hour requirements and additional responsibilities as outlined in the ASWN Policies and Procedures.

D. Be responsible for all correspondence of the ASWN and copies to be filed for referral.

Section 6 The Treasurer shall:

A. Give an itemized report of the financial status of the ASWN once each month for Senate approval.

B. Oversee a record of all financial transactions of the ASWN.

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ARTICLE V

Expenditures

Section 1 The ASWN of Western Nevada College, hereby grants to its representative body, the Senate, the sole power to enact legislation necessary to finance programs for the students.

Section 2 Revenue for such pur

ARTICLE VII

Student Organizations

Section 1 The term “student organization” shall apply to all organized groups which conform to the qualifications of the 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.

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

A.

Section 7 The Senate may extend approval to temporary groups or committees, as it

A. A formal written appeal must be submitted to the ASWN Executive and Senate body for review and action. Must be approved by a majority vote (51%).

B. This appeal must then be presented to the 3rd Tr. 2008 TwMust