

Western Nevada College



PREAMBLE

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

The Associated Students 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 the Nevada Revised Statute, those rules, regulations, policies and statutes shall control.

ARTICLE I

Name and Purpose

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

Section 2 The purpose of ASWN shall be to represent all students currently enrolled at Western Nevada College through 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 ASWN events.
- E. Assess student opinions and needs as deemed necessary and proper, and to encourage student involvement.

Section 8 Any vacancy filled by appointment made by the President with a majority approval of the Senate. A quorum (51%) of the Senate must vote on any/all appointments. In the event of a vacancy of the office of President, the Vice-President will be appointed as President.

Section 9 Campaigning rules and procedures will be written by the Secretary and the Advisor and with approval by the Senate. Each candidate will be provided with written rules and procedures. Failure to follow campaign rules and procedures may result in disqualification from the election, prohibiting the candidate from serving as an Executive Officer or Senator for a period of one year.

Section 10 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 an election.)

Section 11 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.

Section 4 The Vice President shall:

- A. Act as a Parliamentarian at all ASWN meetings.
- B.

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- C. Ensure that copies of the minutes are posted for public information.
- D. Be sure that all ASWN meetings comply with the Nevada Open Meeting Law.
- E. Be responsible for all correspondence of ASWN and copies to be filed for referral.
- F. Presides at ASWN meetings in the absence of the President, Vice President, and Treasurer.

Section 7 Senators shall:

- A. Attend and vote during scheduled ASWN meetings.
- B. Attend, coordinate, implement and evaluate activities sponsored by the ASWN.
- C. Provide services to students as agreed upon by the Senate.
- D. Post ASWN agendas, meeting minutes, flyers, etc. on appropriate ASWN bulletin boards on each respectful campus.

Section 8 Representatives shall:

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ARTICLE VI

Procedures of the 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. A quorum for all recall or impeachment shall be sixty (60) percent of all members in good standing.

Section 2 ASWN shall meet on a weekly basis throughout the fall and spring semesters at a time agreed to by the majority of the ASWN Executive Board. The Executive Board may, at their discretion, cancel any meeting, should it not be necessary because of lack of agenda items or holidays.

Section 3 All meetings of the ASWN shall be conducted by the current edition of

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Section 5 The privilege of the floor at meetings of the ASWN shall be duly granted to any faculty member, college administrative officer, student organization representative, member of the Associated Students of Western Nevada, and visitors upon proper request.

Section 6

ARTICLE IX

Amendments

Section 1