

ASCSN Student Government
Senate By-Laws & Constitution Committee Minutes Approved

College of Southern Nevada
North Las Vegas Campus Building "N" Room 103
3200 E. Cheyenne Ave. North Las Vegas, NV 89030
Friday, November 17th, 2017 11:00 AM

Committee:

Vice President Little
Senator Sierra
Senator Weaver
Treasurer Shin
Senator Silwani
Senator Adarkwah
Senator Parsha
Senator Elegwa
President Zuniga
Senator Le

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE AGENDA AND PUBLIC MEETING

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<http://www.csn.edu/ascsn/>

In addition, a limited number of copies of any such supporting materials will be available at the meeting site.

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Call to Order

Roll Call

1. Public Comment

(3 minute limit each speaker)

Information Only

- a. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this agenda item until the matter is included on an agenda as an item on which action may be taken. The Chair reserves the right to limit public comment to a reasonable amount of time for the individual to address the Senate.
- b. In accordance with Attorney General Opinion No. 00-047, as restated in the Attorney General's Open Meeting Law Manual, the Chair may prohibit comment if the content of that comment is a topic that is not relevant to, or within the authority of, ASCSN Student Government, or if the content is willfully disruptive of the meeting by being irrelevant, repetitious, slanderous, offensive, inflammatory, irrational or amounting to personal attacks or interfering with the rights of other speakers.

- 2. By-Law Ratifications Approval** (5 minutes) **Information Only**
- a. The Committee Chair will present the most current, up-to-date copy of the ASCSN By-Laws and Constitution.
- 3. Pursuit of a Constitutional Amendment** (5 minutes) **For Possible Action**
- a. The Committee shall deliberate and vote upon if the Committee wishes to pursue a Constitutional Amendment to extend the term limits of ASCSN Senate Members from two years to three years. Vice President Little will lead this item.
- 4. Revision of By-Laws & Article XVIII-Section 4** (10 minutes) **For Possible Actions**
- a. The Committee shall deliberate and vote upon revising the ASCSN By-Laws Article XVIII-Section 4 Section 4, Senator Sierra will lead this item.
- i. "Section 4. Certification of Candidates
- ii. The Election Board will certify eligible candidates for the elections. A candidate for any office shall be a member of ASCSN as described in Article III.1 of the ASCSN Constitution. Candidates for all Senate positions that have completed courses at CSN must provide proof of a cumulative 2.0 GPA. Further, the candidate may not have any disciplinary record with the school. The candidate may not have held any elected or appointed office in the ASCSN Senate for more than two (2) one-year terms, which would consist of two fall semesters and two (2) spring semesters. Summer semesters are not counted. If a Senate member serves any term of office in the fall or spring semester, that semester shall be counted as a full semester towards the four –semester term limit. If a member of ASCSN 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 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.) five business days before the first day of voting. Failure to provide all documents and picture prior to 5:00 p.m. on the designated day shall result in disqualification.
- b. The revision would ensure that those who run for an Executive Board position are fully equipped to take on the responsibilities in that he or she has served at least one semester in the ASCSN Student Government.
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5. Revision of By-Laws & Article XVIII-Section 6 (10 minutes) For Possible Actions

- a. The committee shall deliberate and vote upon revising the ASCSN By-Laws Article XVIII-Section 6. Senator Sierra will lead this item.
 - i. Section 6. Voting polls shall be set up at all the main campuses. Online voting will be provided by the Election Board for all students. The revision would ensure that students running for a certain campus are voted in and by that said campus. No one has an upper hand and we can assure that candidates focus on their constituents.
 - ii. Section 6. Voting polls shall be set up at all the main campuses. Candidates running for Executive Board Positions as well as Extension Site Senate positions will be present on all three main campus voting polls, whereas Senators who intend on running for a specific campus will only be displayed on the polls at the campus they wish to represent.

6. Revision of By-Laws Article XVIII-Section 12 (10 minutes) For Possible Actions

- a. The committee shall deliberate and vote upon revising the ASCSN By-Laws in Article v Section 2 e.3, Senator Sierra will lead this item.
 - i. Section 12. Open Forum
 - ii. The Election Board shall be responsible for organizing a forum on each of the three (3) main campuses wherein candidates have the opportunity to present their platform to students. Only the candidate may speak on their behalf at the organized forums. In the event a candidate cannot attend the forum a written statement may be read by an ASCSN Advisor, ASCSN Administrative Assistant, or member of the ASCSN Election Board.
- b. The revision would make sure that students are aware of what the next President wants to enact, then there will be a Student Body President debate.
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 - iii. In addition to an open forum, the Election Board will host a debate between the candidates running for ASCSN Student Body President. The debate shall take place no later than 30 days before the election. The Senate will choose when and where the debate will take place.

7. New Business (3 minutes) Information Only

- a. Items for consideration at future meetings may be suggested. Any discussion of an item under “New Business” is limited to description and clarification of the subject matter of the item, which may include the reasons for the request.

8. Public Comment (3 minute limit each speaker) Information Only

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9. Adjournment

Action

Posted by President Zuniga on Tuesday, November 14th, 2017 by 9:00 a.m.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH NEVADA OPEN MEETING LAW (NRS 241) THIS AGENDA HAS BEEN POSTED AT SIX CSN LOCATION SITES AND E-MAILED FOR POSTING OF SAID LOCATION SITES:

CSN North Las Vegas Campus, Main Building 1st Floor across from Stu. Gov. Dept. Ste. #E102, 3200 E. Cheyenne Ave., N. Las Vegas, NV 89030

CSN North Las Vegas, Main Building 1st Floor Room #S101, 3200 E. Cheyenne Ave., N. Las Vegas, NV 89030

CSN Henderson Campus, "B" Building 1st Floor Stu. Service Hall, 700 College Dr., Henderson, NV 89002

CSN Summerlin High Tech Center, Main Building 1st floor student lounge room 106, 333 S. Pavilion Center Dr., Las Vegas NV 89144

CSN West Charleston Campus, "B" Building 1st Floor Room #102, 6375 W. Charleston Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89146

CSN West Charleston Campus, "D" Building 1st Floor near Advising/Success Coaches, 6375 W. Charleston Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89146