

BOARD OF REGENTS  
BRIEFING PAPER

**1. Agenda Item Title: Associated Students of Western Nevada Constitution**

**2. BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:**

The previous student government constitution was last approved by the Board of Regents 4/2005. Recent revisions, which were approved by the student government on September 17, 2007, include a new governing structure and organizational name change. The constitution reflects the student leadership role in meeting the college goal to embrace the college's many communities and respond to diverse needs through one student government with one student government advisor.

**3. SPECIFIC ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED OR REQUESTED:**

Western Nevada College requests Board of Regents approval on the suggested modifications for the Associated Students of Western Nevada Constitution.

**4. IMPETUS (WHY NOW?):**

Until 7/1/07 Western Nevada College, two groups of students met in two different geographic locations. Each student group had a faculty advisor. Currently, students meet together with the use of interactive video equipment. One faculty advisor works with the group. All resources are shared between Carson and Fallon. The new structure provides an opportunity to modify the constitution to reflect appropriate changes.

**5. BULLET POINTS TO SUPPORT REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:**

- Organizational Name Change
- Change in organizational structure
- Current organization and constitution supports the "one college mission"

**6. POTENTIAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:**

None.

**7. ALTERNATIVE(S) TO WHAT IS BEING REQUESTED/RECOMMENDED:**

NA

**8. COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY:**

- Consistent With Current Board Policy: Title # 5 Chapter # 19 Section # Article IX, Section 4
- Amends Current Board Policy: Title # \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter # \_\_\_\_\_ Section # \_\_\_\_\_
- Amends Current Procedures & Guidelines Manual: Chapter # \_\_\_\_\_ Section # \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Fiscal Impact: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X \_\_\_\_\_
- Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

## SUMMARY

### **Associated Students of Western Nevada Constitution Changes**

The organizational name and structural changes to the Associated Students of Western Nevada Constitution were voted on and approved by the 2007 -2008 current government members at the September 17, 2007 student board meeting.

#### **1. Organizational Name Change**

- The 2007-2008 student government members chose to change their name from United Students Association (USA) to Associated Students of Western Nevada (ASWN).
- The reason behind the name change is the USA name was not specific to Western Nevada College. The USA name is ambiguous; it is an overly used acronym and often confusing to students, faculty and staff.
- Changing their name to Associated Student of Western Nevada was the first step to uniting the 3 campuses and by doing so created a body of students who want to grow with the college and develop a sense of belonging to WNC.

#### **2. Change in organizational structure**

- The previous student government structure consisted of 2 separate government bodies. The Fallon campus and the Carson campus each had a faculty advisor, a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and senators.
- The number one reason for the structural change of this student government group is to unite Western Nevada College and create one group to represent WNC students across Northern Nevada.
- Secondly, there was a lack of communication between the 2 groups, a lack of support and guidance from the Fallon campus.
- Finally, the fact that the Fallon students had little understanding about what student government stands for, and how to plan and implement events, the current president and students have now combined the 2 groups to better the program.
- The new ASWN structure combined the Fallon and Carson student government groups.
- The ASWN elected representation consists of five (5) executive officers, a President, two Vice-Presidents, (one from Fallon one from Carson campus), a Secretary, and a Treasurer who can fully participate in officer duties at both the Carson and the Fallon campus, seven (7) Carson Senators, and Seven (7) Fallon Senators. The Carson Executive Board and Senators will represent the Douglas campus.
- Current organization and constitution supports the “one college mission”

# **Western Nevada College**

## **ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF WESTERN NEVADA**

### **CONSTITUTION**

## PREAMBLE

We, the student representatives of the ~~United Students Association~~ **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 ~~United Student Association of Western Nevada Community College~~ **Associated Students of Western Nevada of Western Nevada College.** ) (B/R 4/93) (B/R 2/08)

The ~~United Students Association~~ **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 Community College~~ **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 Community College~~ **Western Nevada College** or applicable statutes of the State of Nevada, those rules, regulations, policies and statutes shall control. ) (B/R 4/05) (B/R 2/08)

## ARTICLE I

### Name and Purpose

Section 1 The name of this association is the ~~United Students Association of Western Nevada Community College~~ **Associated Students of Western Nevada of Western Nevada College**, hereafter referred to as the USA. ASWN. (B/R 4/05) (B/R 2/08)

Section 2 The purpose of the USA ASWN shall be to represent all students currently enrolled at ~~Western Nevada Community College~~ **Western Nevada College** through inner campus communication directed toward a united effort to enhance student life. USA ASWN is responsible for addressing student issues brought before ~~it and to~~ **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 Community College**.
- C. Provide leadership for all of the student body.
- D. Assist in directing or coordinating student activities.
- E. Assess student opinions and needs ~~from time to time~~, as deemed necessary and proper, and to encourage student involvement. ) (B/R 2/08)

~~F. Perform service Functions as follows~~

~~a. Develop institutional morale.~~

~~b. Act as a 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 college student recruitment.~~

~~G. \_\_\_\_\_ Oversee the activities of officially constituted student organizations.~~

~~H. \_\_\_\_\_ Promote desirable college publications~~

~~(B/R 4/05)~~

**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. ) (B/R 2/08)**

## **ARTICLE II**

### **Membership and Representation**

#### **Section 1**

Active membership shall be granted to those students who are enrolled at **Western Nevada Community 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 USA 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 United Students Association ASWN.(B/R 4/05) **(B/R 2/08)**

**Section 2** Elected representation shall consist of ~~four(4)executive officers who can fully participate in officer duties at the Carson campus, (President, vice president, secretary and treasurer); seven (7) Carson senators, and four (4) Fallon senators. The Douglas campus will be represented by the Carson executive board and senators;~~ **five (5) executive officers, a President, two Vice-Presidents, (one from Fallon one from Carson campus), a Secretary, and a Treasurer who can fully participate in officer duties at both the Carson and the Fallon campus, seven (7) Carson Senators, and Seven (7) Fallon Senators. The Carson Executive Board and Senators will**

**represent the Douglas campus.** Officers and Senators may perform office hours and related duties at the Douglas campus with approval from the Executive Board. (B/R 1/00) **(B/R 2/08)**

Section 3 ~~At the Fallon campus, the Senators shall appoint amongst themselves a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer of the Fallon Senate, verified by a majority vote of the Fallon Senate. The Chair of the Fallon Senate shall serve on the ASWN Executive Board. The entire Executive Board, with representation from both campuses, will meet at least once a semester and as needed throughout the year either in person, through interactive video, or by conference telephone.~~ (B/R 4/05) (B/R 4/93) **(B/R 2/08)**

Section 4 Student representatives may be appointed as volunteers on each campus. Each campus must follow stipulations outlined in the Policies and Procedures Manual. Student representatives are required to have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better, or be in their first semester at **WNCC** with no established GPA. (B/R 4/93) **(B/R 2/08)**

### ARTICLE III

#### Election and Recall of Officers and Student Senators

Section 1 The filing date for candidacy for office shall be the third Friday of March. (B/R 4/93)

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 ~~USA~~ **ASWN Advisor(s)**. (B/R 4/05) **(B/R 2/08)**

Section 3 Elections for President, Vice-President(s), 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 ~~required~~ **requested, but not required**, to participate in the student government unofficially upon learning the results of the elections. (B/R 4/05) **(B/R 2/08)**

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. (B/R 4/05)

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 Community College~~ **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. (B/R 4/93) **(B/R 2/08)**

Section 6 A student may serve a maximum of two (2) elected terms **in one position as President**, 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 1<sup>st</sup> of the election year and end May 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year.** (B/R 4/05) **(B/R 2/08)**

Section 7 Once elected, the **Executive** Officers and Senators must maintain enrollment in six (6) or more semester hours at Western Nevada ~~Community~~ College. (B/R 4/93) **(B/R 2/08)**

Section 8 Any student, to be eligible to hold elective or appointive office, must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5. This requirement must be met at the beginning of each semester while in office. (B/R 4/05)

Section 9 Any vacancy in any elective office, other than the President's, shall be filled on the Carson **or Fallon** campus by appointment made by the President with a majority approval of the ~~Carson student~~ Senate. A quorum (51%) of the ~~student~~ Senate ~~from each respective campus~~ must vote on any/all appointments. In the event of a vacancy of the office of President, ~~the a~~ Vice-President will ~~become President~~ **be appointed as President with a majority (51%) vote from the Senate.** (B/R 1/00) **(B/R 2/08)**

Section 10 Campaigning rules and procedures ~~for each campus~~ will be written by the Election Committee Chair and the Advisor(s) 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. (B/R 4/05) **(B/R 2/08)**

Section 11 The Advisor(s) and one USA 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.) (B/R 4/05)-**(B/R 2/08)**

Section 12 Recall shall be initiated in the following manner:

- A. Any student who is a member of the USA 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.
- C. This petition must then be presented to the USA 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 USA ASWN ~~[simple majority of the votes received]~~.
- D. 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.
- E. The candidate receiving a simple majority shall then be seated at the next regular session of the USA ASWN. (B/R 4/05) **(B/R 2/08)**

## ARTICLE IV

### Responsibilities ~~of Members of the USA ASWN~~ **Members**

Section 1 The Advisor(s) shall serve to guide the USA ASWN student government through recommendations to facilitate the business, financial, and procedural affairs of the USA ASWN, and the student clubs and organizations. (B/R 4/93) **(B/R 2/08)**

Section 2 Executive Officers and Senators shall:

- A. Attend USA ASWN meetings.
- B. Serve on or Chair USA ASWN and campus committees when appointed.
- C. Attend and assist in the implementation of USA ASWN activities.
- D. Fulfill office hour requirements and additional responsibilities as outlined in the USA ASWN Policies and Procedures.
- E. Comply with all additional responsibilities outlined in the Policies and Procedures Manual. (B/R 4/05) **(B/R 2/08)**

Section 3 The President shall:

- A. Preside at all USA ASWN meetings.
- B. Represent the USA ASWN in the college community and the State meetings when and where appropriate.
- C. Monitor and report on all progress and implementation of all actions and transactions of the USA ASWN.
- D. Appoint all students serving on college committees, with approval of the Executive Board. (B/R 1/00) (B/R 4/05) **(B/R 2/08)**
- E. **Vote on ASWN meetings only in the event of a tie vote of the senate and other Executive officers.**

Section 4 The Vice-Presidents shall:

- A. Act as a Parliamentarian at all USA ASWN meetings.
- B. Assume all powers of the President in his/her absence.
- C. ~~Vote in USA meetings only in the event of a tie vote of the senate;~~ (B/R 1/00) Oversee all USA ASWN sponsored activities, events and USA ASWN committees. **(B/R 2/08)**
- D. Appoint students and/or USA ASWN elected members to USA ASWN committees. **(B/R 2/08)**
- E. In the event of a vacancy of the office of President, ~~the Vice President~~ **one of the Vice-Presidents will immediately become President by a majority vote of the Senate.** **(B/R 2/08)**
- F. Assist the President in the monitoring and reporting on the implementation and progress of all actions and transactions of the USA ASWN. (B/R 4/93) **(B/R 2/08)**
- G. **Chair the student programming board on their specific campus. (B/R 2/08)**



Section 5 The Secretary shall:

- A. Record and file minutes of all USA ASWN meetings. **(B/R 2/08)**
- B. Ensure that a least four (4) copies are posted for public information.
- C. Be sure that all USA ASWN meetings comply with the Nevada Open Meeting Law. **(B/R 2/08)**
- D. Be responsible for all correspondence of the USA ASWN and copies to be filed for referral. (B/R 4/05) **(B/R 2/08)**

Section 6 The Treasurer shall:

- A. Give an itemized report of the financial status of the USA ASWN ~~twice~~ **once** each month for Senate approval. **(B/R 2/08)**
- B. Oversee a record of all financial transactions of the USA ASWN.
- C. Receive a copy of all purchase orders or requisitions where monies are taken from USA ASWN accounts. **(B/R 2/08)**
- D. Serve in an advisory capacity for budget matters to the Executive Board and the Senate.
- E. Presides at the USA ASWN meetings in the absence of the President and Vice-President. (B/R 1/00) (B/R 4/05) **(B/R 2/08)**

Section 7 Senators shall:

- A. Attend and vote during scheduled USA ASWN meetings. **(B/R 2/08)**
- B. Attend, coordinate, implement and evaluate activities sponsored by the USA ASWN. (B/R 1/00) **(B/R 2/08)**
- C. Provide services to students as agreed upon by the Senate.
- D. Post USA ASWN agendas, meeting minutes, flyers, etc. (B/R 4/05) **(B/R 2/08)**

~~Section 8 — On the Fallon campus, the Senators shall assume additional duties as outlined in the remaining sections of this Article.~~

~~Section 9 ———<sup>{u2}</sup>The Fallon Senator appointed as Chair of the Fallon Senate shall:~~

~~A. Preside at all USA Fallon Senate meetings;~~

~~B. Represent the USA in the Fallon college community when and where appropriate;~~

~~C. Monitor and report on the progress and implementation of all actions and transactions of the Fallon Senate.~~

~~Section 10 ———<sup>{u3}</sup>The Fallon Senator appointed as Vice Chair of the Fallon Senate shall:~~

~~A. Act as Parliamentarian at all Fallon USA meetings;~~

~~B. Assume all powers of the Fallon Chair in his/her absence;~~

~~C. Oversee all Fallon ASWN sponsored activities, events, and USA Fallon committees;~~

~~D. Assist the Fallon Chair in monitoring and reporting on the implementation and progress of all action and transactions of the Fallon Senate;~~

~~E. In the event of a vacancy of the office of Chair of the Fallon Senate, the Vice Chair will immediately become Chair.~~

~~Section 11 ———<sup>{u4}</sup>The Fallon Senator appointed as Secretary of the Fallon Senate shall:~~

~~A. Record, post, and file minutes of all USA Fallon meetings;~~

~~B. Ensure that at least three (3) copies of Fallon USA minutes are posted for public information;~~

~~C. Ensure that all Fallon Senate meetings comply with the Nevada Open Meeting statute;~~

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

~~Section 12 ———<sup>{u5}</sup>The Fallon Senator appointed as Treasurer of the Fallon Senate shall:~~

~~A. Give an itemized report of the financial status of the Fallon Senate twice each month;~~

~~B. Oversee a record of all financial transactions of the Fallon Senate;~~

~~C. Receive a copy of all purchase orders or requisitions where monies are taken from ASWN Fallon accounts;~~

~~D. Serve in an advisory capacity for budget matters of the Executive Board and Fallon Senate.~~

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Expenditures**

Section 1 The USA ASWN of Western Nevada Community College, hereby grants to its representative body, the ~~student~~ Senate, the sole power to enact legislation necessary to finance programs for the students. (B/R 4/93) **(B/R 2/08)**

Section 2 Revenue for such purpose shall be derived from the USA ASWN assessment for FTE generating courses (refer to the Board of Regents handbook, Chapter 10, Section 12) levied on each student enrolling at a participating center, and other sources such as are legal and proper. Students, who have attained the age of 62 years or older are exempt from the above fee. (B/R 1/00) **This revenue shall be distributed to the Carson City and rural student body accounts after the official FTE count is established. (B/R 2/08)**

Section 3 An annual budget shall be developed and approved by the Senate ~~on each campus no later than the first Friday of September.~~ (B/R 1/00) **(B/R 2/08)**

Section 4 All monies transferred by the Board of Regents to the ~~student~~ Senate will be administered by the ~~student~~ Senate in accordance with all the policies and fiscal management procedures established by the Board of Regents and applicable to all units within the **Nevada System of Higher Education UCCSN system. (B/R 2/08)**

Section 5 **Payment of elected and appointed offers:**

A. The President **shall receive hourly wages in respect to the position's description as outlined in the policies and procedures manual.** ~~payment in the amount of tuition costs and tech fee charges equivalent to twenty-six (26) credits per semester.~~ **(B/R 2/08)**

B. The Vice-Presidents shall receive **hourly wages in respect to the position's description as outlined in the policies and procedures manual.** ~~payment in the amount of tuition costs and tech fee charges equivalent to twenty (20) credits per semester.~~ **(B/R 2/08)**

C. The Treasurer and Secretary shall receive **hourly wages in respect to the position's description as outlined in the policies and procedures manual.** ~~payment in the amount of tuition costs and tech fee charges equivalent to seventeen (17) credits per semester.~~ **(B/R 2/08)**

D. Senators on the ~~Carson campus~~ shall receive **hourly wages in respect to the position's description as outlined in the policies and procedures manual.** ~~payment in the amount of tuition costs and tech fee charges equivalent to eleven (11) credits per semester.~~ **(B/R 2/08)**

~~The chair of the Fallon campus shall receive payment in the amount of tuition costs and tech fee charges equivalent to fifteen (15) credits per semester~~

~~The Senators on the Fallon campus shall receive payment in the amount of tuition costs and tech fee charges equivalent to eleven (11) credits per semester.~~

~~This amount will be paid to officers and Senators who are enrolled in a minimum of six (6) credits at WNCC and have fulfilled all responsibilities indicated in Article IV. Payment for services as a USA member shall be disbursed in monthly payments four (4) times during each semester during term in office. (B/R 4/05)~~

Section 6 ~~Upon completion of duties as a member of ASWN, the Board of Regents allows the college President to waive the capital improvement fees and general improvement fees for eligible~~

~~student government officers (Title 4, Chapter 18, Section 9.5). Each member of ASWN may submit a fee waiver agreement at the beginning of each semester.~~

Section 6      **To receive payment, all officers and senators must be enrolled in a minimum of six (6) credits at WNC and have fulfilled their position's responsibilities. Payments for service as an ASWN member shall be in compliance with the student employment office policies and procedures. (B/R 2/08)**

## ARTICLE VI

### Procedures of the ~~Student~~ 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 ~~on the Carson campus and fifty one percent of all Senators on the Fallon campus.~~ A quorum for all recall or impeachment shall be sixty (60) percent of all standing members on each respective campus. (B/R 1/00) **(B/R 2/08)**

Section 2      The ~~USA~~ **ASWN** shall meet on a weekly basis throughout the fall and spring semesters at a time agreed to by the majority of the ~~USA~~ **ASWN** members. The Executive Board may, at their discretion, not have a meeting, should it not be necessary because of lack of agenda items or holidays. (B/R 4/05) **(B/R 2/08)**

Section 3      All meetings of the ~~USA~~ **ASWN** shall be conducted by the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, or some agreed upon modification of these rules. (B/R 4/93) **(B/R 2/08)**

Section 4      All meetings shall comply with the Open Meeting Law of Nevada and the policies set forth by the Board of Regents of the **Nevada System of Higher Education.** ~~University and Community College System of Nevada.~~ (B/R 4/05) **(B/R 2/08)**

Section 5      The privilege of the floor at meetings of the ~~USA~~ **ASWN** shall be duly granted to any faculty member, college administrative officer, student organization representative, member of the ~~United Student Association~~ **Associated Students of Western Nevada**, and visitors upon proper request. (B/R 4/93) **(B/R 2/08)**

Section 6      Absence from three (3) consecutive meetings without justification deemed reasonable by the Senate shall result in impeachment proceedings. (B/R 4/93)

Section 7      Absence from a total of five (5) meetings during a term of office without justification deemed reasonable by the Senate shall also result in disciplinary proceedings. (B/R 4/05)

Section 8      All ~~USA~~ **ASWN** business shall be conducted in accordance with the ~~USA~~ **ASWN** Policies and Procedures **Manual**. The policies and procedures may be modified by a majority vote of the Senate on each respective campus. (B/R 1/00) **(B/R 2/08)**

## ARTICLE VII

### Student Organizations

Section 1 The term “student organization” shall apply to all organized groups which conform to the qualifications of the USA 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. (B/R 4/93) **(B/R 2/08)**

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

- A. To increase and stimulate the student’s knowledge and interest in a curricular field.
- B. To promote a feeling of fellowship among students with similar interests.
- C. To sponsor educational and recreational activities. (B/R 4/93) **(B/R 2/08)**

Section 3 All recognized organizations must meet the following requirements:

- A. A college faculty or staff member as an advisor.
- B. Hold a minimum of one (1) monthly meeting.
- C. Submit a report of the organization’s activities **and official business** ~~by the third Friday of each month~~ to the Secretary of the Senate. **(B/R 2/08)**
- D. Sponsor for its members and their guests at least one educational or social activity each semester.
- E. Maintain a membership of at least five (5) students. (B/R 4/05) **(B/R 2/08)**

Section 4 A new student organization must file a petition for approval with the USA ASWN. The Senate shall act upon receiving the completed application. Once approved, the organization retains this approval unless and until it is revoked. The senate shall act upon the completed application within a notable time period (two weeks) **when in session**. (B/R 4/05) **(B/R 2/08)**

Section 5 The ~~student~~ Senate may revoke approval of any organization, which fails to maintain the qualifications listed in Section 3 of this article. (B/R 4/93) **(B/R 2/08)**

Section 6 A student organization shall, when making plans for an all-college activity, present to the USA ASWN **all information regarding the activity at the ASWN meeting prior to the event**. For which approval is requested at least three (3) weeks prior to the activity. (B/R 4/93) **(B/R 2/08)**

Section 7 The Senate may extend approval to temporary groups or committees, as it deems necessary. (B/R 4/93) **(B/R 2/08)**

Section 8 Funds of up to \$600.00 per academic year may be **requested by** ~~given to~~ each recognized club on an as-needed basis. **These funds Grants** may be approved ~~only~~ by a majority vote of the Senate. (B/R 6/96) **(B/R 2/08)**

## ARTICLE VIII

### Discipline and Appeals

Section 1 Probation and Impeachment:

A. Reasons for probation shall consist of: Unsatisfactory meeting attendance, lack of participation in USA ASWN activities, unsatisfactory performance of USA ASWN responsibilities, failure to act in accordance with UCCSN Nevada System of Higher Education and WNCC rules and regulations, failure to follow USA ASWN policies and procedures, malfeasance (wrong doing or misconduct) and/or continuous failure to complete assigned projects within a time period agreed upon by the USA ASWN members. (B/R 1/00) **(B/R 2/08)**

B. Any member of the USA ASWN may be put on probation by a majority vote ~~51% of the appropriate campus board of either the Carson or Fallon Senate. (51%)~~ of USA ASWN board. Probation must be initiated by a written notification from the Executive Board, ~~chair of the Fallon Senate~~ or Advisor(s) stating that the member has been put on probation and the reasons for that probation within a week of the decision. **(B/R 2/08)**

C. Upon receiving written notification of the decision the member shall have probationary period assigned at the discretion of the appropriate campus board in which to improve his/her performance. Any member on probation will not receive payment for that time period. Failure to improve shall be grounds for impeachment. More than one (1) probation during the administration period shall also be grounds for impeachment. Any member of the USA ASWN who has been impeached may not run or hold any office for five (5) years following that impeachment. **(B/R 2/08)**

D. Reasons for impeachment shall consist of any gross infraction of regulations and policies as established by the Board of Regents, **Western Nevada Community College**, and to all applicable statutes of the State of Nevada. If impeachment is to be considered, a committee consisting of three (3) USA ASWN members, one (1) non USA ASWN student, one (1) faculty member, the USA ASWN advisor from the appropriate campus, and the WNCC-Dean of Student Services shall organize to consider the accusation. If the committee deems necessary, the member will be impeached by a majority vote (51%).(B/R 4/05) **(B/R 2/08)**

Section 2 Appeals shall follow the process outlined below:

A. A formal written appeal must be submitted to the USA ASWN Executive and Senate body for review and action. Must be approved by a majority vote (51%).**(B/R 2/08)**

B. This appeal must then be presented to the USA ASWN. At this time, expedient election procedures, seven (7) calendar days at the minimum, shall be initiated and officer(s) and/or senator(s) shall be removed from office by a simple majority of the votes received. **(B/R 2/08)**

C. Another election shall take place if time permits from the time the petition is passed by the appropriate campus board. That person (those persons) removed from office by recall shall be eligible to run again, as will any/all qualified who wish to oppose him/her. The USA ASWN shall execute replacement procedures.

D. The elected candidate (the one receiving a simple majority) shall then be seated at the next regular session of the USA ASWN. (B/R 4/05) **(B/R 2/08)**

**ARTICLE IX**

## Amendments

Section 1 Amendments to this constitution and the rules and procedures of the ~~USA~~ **ASWN** may be proposed by a majority of the voting members of the Senate or a petition signed by ten (10) percent of the current student body. (B/R 4/93) ) **(B/R 2/08)**

Section 2 Amendments to this constitution may be ratified by referring proposed amendments to the student body for their approval or rejection; a simple majority of the students voting in an election for this purpose will be adequate to recommend amendments to the constitution. A majority vote of the ~~student~~ Senate may also be adequate to ratify amendments to the constitution. (B/R 4/93) ) **(B/R 2/08)**

Section 3 The President of Western Nevada ~~Community~~ College must approve any proposed amendments. (B/R 4/05) ) **(B/R 2/08)**

Section 4 Amendments approved by the President of Western Nevada ~~Community~~ College must be submitted to the Board of Regents of the **Nevada System of Higher Education**. ~~University and Community College System of Nevada for approval.~~ (B/R 4/93) ) **(B/R 2/08)**

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