

BOARD OF REGENTS
BRIEFING PAPER

Agenda Item Title: Approval of ASUN Constitution Amendments

BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:

The ASUN Senate approved amendments to their constitution in spring of 2006. The first change creates a flexible deadline for Program Board applications. The other changes are clarification of duties, updating staff position titles and grammatical corrections. The amendments were approved by the necessary two-thirds vote of all students in the March, 2006 general election. The amendments have been approved by the Vice President for Student Services and President. The changes are now forwarded to the Board of Regents for approval.

SPECIFIC ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED OR REQUESTED:

President Milton D. Glick requests approval of amendments to the constitution of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada (Board of Regents Handbook, Title 5, Chapter 16). See Attachment A

IMPETUS (WHY NOW?):

The amendments have received approval at all stages of the required process. Board of Regents approval is now needed to finalize the changes.

BULLET POINTS TO SUPPORT REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

1. The current constitution designates March 22nd at 5 p.m. as the closing date for program board applications. This falls during or close to spring break when students are gone. More flexible wording allows the date to be set when students are in school. This will allow for an increase in applicants and a more diverse pool. (*Amendment #1 - Article IV, Section 450.1B*)
2. Clarifying the duties of a board funded by student fees gives specific direction in goal setting and underscores accountability. (*Amendment #2 - Article III, section 340.8 and Article IV, section 450.1A*)
3. Grammatical changes improve the integrity of the governing document. (*Amendment #2 - Article II, section 340, Article IV, section 450.2A, and Article IV, section 450.1*)
4. Updating professional staff position titles brings consistency and accuracy to the governing document. (*Amendment #2 - Article IV, section 450.1A*)

POTENTIAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

1. None

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

1. Leave as is and continue to have Spring Break play a negative role in the application process.

COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY:

- Consistent With Current Board Policy: Title # _____ Chapter # _____ Section # _____
- Amends Current Board Policy: Title # _____ Chapter # _____ Section # _____
- Amends Current Procedures & Guidelines Manual: Chapter # _____ Section # _____
- X Other: Amends Board of Regents Handbook, Title 5, Chapter 16
- Fiscal Impact: Yes _____ No _____
Explain: _____

Attachment A – Specific Amendment language for consideration:

Amendment #1

Text of Amendment:

Article IV, Section 450.1B of the ASUN Constitution is hereby amended to read:

Filing for the ASUN Programming Board shall close at 5:00 p.m. on the Friday [closest to March 22] one week after Spring Break or two weeks following the ASUN general election.

Amendment #2

Text of Amendment:

ASUN Constitution is hereby amended to read

(1) Article III, section 340.0 – strike “of” and insert “for”

The powers and duties of the Vice President [of] for Programming shall be:

(2) Article III, section 340.8 – insert addition to sentence

To coordinate a semi-annual activities calendar, at the beginning of each semester and shall distribute a finalized monthly calendar on the first day of each month.

(3) Article IV, section 450.1A

Committee Chairman will be selected on the following basis: 1) candidates must meet all general requirements for all boards and committees. 2) The selection committee composed of the outgoing Programming Board, [ASUN Manager] Director of ASUN, Assistant Director of ASUN, Executive Council, and two (2) Senators-at-large, shall recommend a slate of successors from the pool of applicants for each chairmanship. 3) The selection will be subject to ASUN Senate approval. 4) All chairpersons will be volunteers. There is no stated amount of senators who shall be required to sit on Programming Board.

(4) Article IV, section 450.1A – strike the last sentence

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(5) Article IV, section 450.2A – strike “of” and insert “for”

To review and approve the general budget prepared by the Vice President [of] for Programming for presentation to the Fiscal Allocations Board. This budget shall be presented annually. (based on the needs of each committee)

(6) Article IV, section 450.2B – strike in its entirety and redesignate numbering accordingly

[To appoint chairpersons of the ASUN major weeks.]

(7) Article IV, section 450.1– strike “of” and insert “for”

The Programming Board shall consist of the following voting members: the Vice President [of] for Programming, who shall serve as chairperson and vote only to make or break a tie vote; ASUN Speaker of the Senate; eight 8 student members - each of whom shall be a chairman of one of the eight (8) committees.