ARTICLE 1
The Association

SECTION 100.0 This Association shall be known as the Associated Students of the University of Nevada, hereafter referred to as the ASUN.

SECTION 110.0 The purpose of the ASUN shall be:

110.1 To provide means for responsible and effective student participation in the organization and control of student affairs;
110.2 To provide an official and representative student organization with powers to receive complaints, investigate student problems, and participate in decisions involving students;
110.3 To take action in the best interest of the student body and the university community;
110.4 To provide an official voice through which student opinion can be expressed;
110.5 To provide means whereby students may gain experience and training in responsible political participation and community leadership; and
110.6 To foster awareness of the student’s role in the campus, local, state, national, and international communities.

SECTION 120.0 Membership in the ASUN shall be automatic for undergraduate students registered for one (1) or more credits.

SECTION 130.0 A government of the ASUN is hereby established, whose purpose shall be to represent and act for the student body. This government shall function through:

130.1 A legislative branch,
130.2 An executive branch, and
130.3 A judicial branch.

SECTION 140.0 All elected and appointed members of this government shall at the time of election and throughout their term be enrolled in at least seven (7) undergraduate credits and have at least a 2.50 grade point average. All appointed members of this government shall at the time of election and throughout their term be enrolled in at least seven (7) undergraduate credits and have at least a 2.20 grade point average.

SECTION 150.0 All members of the ASUN government shall be elected in the general election on the Wednesday and Thursday on or preceding March 15. They shall take office on the Wednesday closest to April 15.

SECTION 160.0 No member of the government may hold more than one elected or appointed ASUN position at one time.

SECTION 170.0 No Senator serving on the Publications Board will be allowed to serve on the staffs of any ASUN publication.
SECTION 180.0 All meetings of the ASUN, including but not limited to the ASUN Senate, Programming Board, Clubs & Organizations Board, Publications Board, and Fiscal Allocations Board and all Senate subcommittees, will be governed by Roberts Rules of Order, Latest Edition.

ARTICLE II
The Legislative Branch

SECTION 200.0 The legislative branch shall be known as the Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada, hereafter referred to as the Senate.

SECTION 210.0 The Senate will be composed of not more than twenty-eight (28) members of the ASUN as follows:

210.1 One (1) member to be elected from within each college and recognized school;

210.2 The balance apportioned among the colleges to approximate as closely as possible one (1) person, one (1) vote.

SECTION 220.0 Every two (2) years, the Senate shall re-establish the number of and the apportionment of the Senators. This shall be done by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate membership.

SECTION 230.0 Term of office shall be for one year for members of the ASUN Senate. ASUN Senators may run for an additional term(s).

SECTION 240.0 Senate shall, by a majority vote, select three (3) individuals who shall be re-seated automatically to their respective boards, subject only to their re-election from their respective colleges. This shall be done no later than four (4) weeks prior to the ASUN primary election.

SECTION 250.0 The Senate shall have all the following powers and duties:

250.1 To enact and amend statutes. Statutes will here designate those laws that implement provisions of the Constitution.

250.2 To endorse resolutions. Resolutions shall be formal expressions of opinion, will, or intent.

250.3 To formulate policies. Policies shall be defined as provisions and take limitations on administrative procedure.

250.4 To make recommendations. Recommendations shall be expressions of approval, disapproval, or advice.

250.5 To issue directives. Directives shall state actions to be taken by ASUN officers, ASUN staff or ASUN boards.

250.6 To approve by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senators present all appointments of the executive officers.

250.7 To override the ASUN President’s veto by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present.

250.8 To establish those committees necessary for its investigations and actions.
250.9  To grant or refuse recognition to all student organizations.

250.10 To try an elected officer of the ASUN upon his/her impeachment.

250.11 To approve the appointment of an Election Board Chairperson and Election Board members.

250.12 To fill any vacancies in the ASUN government not provided for otherwise.

250.13 To appoint investigative subcommittees.

250.14 The ASUN Senate shall be the sole judge of its own members and may discipline its members for any conduct unbecoming of that body. The member may be censured by a majority vote of the members present and may be expelled by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those elected.

SECTION 260.0  The Senate shall approve or disapprove the actions of the **Clubs & Organizations** Board, **Programming Board**, **Publications Board**, and the **Fiscal Allocations Board**, and the **Elections Board**.

260.1 Approval or disapproval of board action shall require a majority vote of the Senate membership.

260.2 A directive to reconsider an action or decision may not be passed until the next regular meeting of the Senate.

260.3 Disapproval may not be made of entertainment contracts, once signed, or of professional and classified contracts and salaries.

SECTION 270.0 The Senate at its first organizational meeting shall elect from its membership a Speaker who shall serve as presiding officer and who shall have the following powers and duties:

270.1 To vote to make or break a tie vote.

270.2 To serve as a voting member of the Executive Council.

270.3 To prepare the agenda for the Senate.

270.4 To inform the Senate on all pertinent actions and expenditures by the ASUN during the interim periods.

270.5 To serve as a voting member of the Programming Board.

270.6 To serve as ASUN President in the incapacity of both the ASUN President and ASUN Executive Vice President or vacancy of both offices.

270.7 Any other duties that the ASUN Senate shall delegate to him/her.

SECTION 280.0 Removal of the Speaker of the Senate shall require a majority vote of the Senate membership.

SECTION 290.0 The Senate must have a quorum of two-thirds (2/3) of its membership to conduct business.
ARTICLE III
The Executive Branch

SECTION 300.0 The executive branch of the ASUN shall consist of the following officers:

300.1 The ASUN President
300.2 The ASUN Executive Vice President
300.3 The Speaker of the Senate
300.4 The Vice President for Programming

300.5 The Vice President for Clubs & Organizations

SECTION 310.0 The executive branch shall administer the affairs of the ASUN and shall enforce all statutes enacted by the Senate.

SECTION 320.0 The powers and duties of the ASUN President shall be:

310.1 To act as the chief executive officer.
310.2 To serve as the chairperson of the Fiscal Allocations Board.
310.3 To serve as the chairperson of the Executive Council and as the ex-officio member of all ASUN Boards and committees.
310.4 To make all appointments except those specifically designated to another officer.
310.5 To veto any act, in part or in whole, enacted by the Senate. If neither signed, nor vetoed, the act becomes effective in ten (10) days following its passage.
310.6 To serve as a non-voting member of the Programming Board, Clubs & Organizations Board, and Publications Board.

SECTION 330.0 The powers and duties of the ASUN Executive Vice President shall be:

330.1 To serve as the chief administrative officer of the Grievance Board and Publications Board.
330.2 To serve as the chairperson of the Publications Board and Grievance Board and to vote only to make or break a vote.
330.3 To serve as the chairperson for the Committee Helping ASUN Organizations (CHAOS).
330.4 To prepare a general budget for his/her term of office, which shall be presented to the Fiscal Allocations Board. This budget shall be printed and made available to all members of the ASUN prior to September 1.
330.5 To serve as a voting member of the Executive Council.
330.6 To serve as the ASUN President in the incapacity of the ASUN President or vacancy of that office.
330.7 To monitor and report the status of all ASUN accounts to the Senate.
330.8 To act as liaison between the Senate and all ASUN recognized organizations.

330.9 To review the specifications of all publications and approve the final budgets.

330.10 Any other duties that the ASUN Senate shall delegate to him/her.

SECTION 340.0 The powers and duties of the Vice President for Programming shall be:

340.1 To serve as the chief administrative officer of activities sponsored by the ASUN.

340.2 To serve as chairperson of the Programming Board, voting only to make or break a tie vote.

340.3 To prepare a general budget for his/her term of office, which shall be presented to the Fiscal Allocations Board. This budget shall be printed and made available to all members of the ASUN prior to September 1.

340.4 To serve as a voting member of the Executive Council.

340.5 To report to the ASUN Senate each week on matters concerning the Programming Board.

340.6 To serve as ASUN President in the incapacity of the ASUN President, ASUN Executive Vice President, and Speaker of the Senate or vacancy of the aforementioned officials.

340.7 To be ultimately responsible to oversee all Programming Board activities.

340.8 To co-ordinate a semi-annual activities calendar, at the beginning of each semester.

340.9 Any other duties that the ASUN Senate shall delegate to him/her.

SECTION 350.0 The powers and duties of the ASUN Vice President for Clubs & Organizations shall be:

350.1 To serve as the chief administrative officer of the Clubs & Organizations Board.

350.2 To act as a liaison between Senate and all ASUN recognized organizations.

350.3 To serve as a voting member of the Executive Council.

350.4 To report to the ASUN Senate each week on matters concerning the Clubs and Organizations Board.

350.5 To serve as the ASUN President in the incapacity of the ASUN President, ASUN Executive Vice President, Speaker of the Senate, and the Vice President for Programming or the vacancy of the aforementioned officials.

350.6 To prepare a general budget for his/her term of office, which shall be presented to the Fiscal Allocations Board. This budget shall be printed and made available to all members of the ASUN prior to September 1.

350.7 Any other duties that the ASUN Senate shall delegate to him/her.

SECTION 360.0 Term of office shall be one year for executive officers. Executive officers may run for an additional term(s).
SECTION 370.0 The executive officers must have these additional qualifications:

370.1 The ASUN Speaker of the Senate shall meet the qualifications of a Senator.

370.2 The ASUN Executive Vice President and Vice President for Programming shall have completed at least forty-five (45) undergraduate credits upon filing for elective office.

370.3 The ASUN President shall have completed at least sixty (60) undergraduate credits upon filing for elective office.

370.4 Membership in the ASUN for any two (2) semesters, including the semester during which the election is held.

ARTICLE IV

Boards and Committees

SECTION 400.0 There shall be an Executive Council with general powers of administration, review and recommendation.

400.1 The Council shall consist of the ASUN President, the ASUN Executive Vice President, the ASUN Speaker of the Senate, and the ASUN Vice President for Programming, and the ASUN Vice President for Clubs & Organizations.

400.2 The powers and duties of the council shall include the following:

400.2A To call special assemblies of the ASUN.
400.2B To recommend to the ASUN Senate the committee and board assignments of all Senators in the ASUN Senate.
400.2C All duties and powers not specifically herein delegated shall revert to the ASUN Executive Council.

400.3 The Executive Council shall have the power to call for emergency action during Senate interim breaks. An interim break shall be considered any period of time when an agendized, weekly Senate meeting is not held.

400.3A The ASUN President shall determine if a situation requiring emergency action exists.
400.3B Following the determination of need by the ASUN President, emergency actions may be taken upon approval of at least three (3) members of the ASUN Executive Council, one of whom must be the Speaker of the Senate.
400.3C All interim emergency actions shall be considered official ASUN actions.
400.3D The ASUN President shall give a report on all emergency actions taken during each interim period at the first ASUN Senate meeting following the interim.

SECTION 410.0 The Fiscal Allocations Board shall consist of the following voting members: One-third (1/3) of the membership of the ASUN Senate and two (2) programming board members, as assigned by the Executive Council and be chaired by the ASUN President who may vote only to make or break a tie vote. Non-voting members shall include the ASUN Executive Vice President, the ASUN Vice President for Programming, the ASUN Vice President for Clubs & Organizations and the ASUN Administrative Secretary. (The ASUN Administrative Secretary and ASUN Executive Vice President and the ASUN Vice President for Programming shall serve as non-voting members.)

410.1 The Fiscal Allocations Board shall have the following powers and duties:
410.1A To appropriate annual ASUN fee revenues among the four (4) major ASUN boards; Programming, Publications, Clubs & Organizations, and Fiscal Allocations.

410.1B To maintain a reserve contingency fund not to exceed five percent (5%) of the total annual fee revenues.

410.1C To direct all savings and investments functions to be derived solely from non-fee revenues.

410.1D To approve and publish an annual program budget together with publication of general program objectives and a priorities statement by no later than the last regular school day in September.

410.1E To set the wages of the ASUN officers and senators at least a month before their election. Any increase shall be subject to approval by a majority vote of the students voting in the election.

410.1F To make appropriations from the contingency fund to the four (4) major ASUN boards.

410.1G To direct the savings and investment function of the ASUN as may be necessary.

410.1H To review by-laws for the board and to amend such by-laws by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the board and a majority vote of the ASUN Senate.

SECTION 420.0 The Clubs and Organizations Board shall consist of the following voting members: the ASUN Executive Vice President for Clubs & Organizations, who shall act as chairperson and may vote only to make or break a tie, and one-third (1/3) of the ASUN Senate, as assigned by the Executive Council. Non-voting members shall include the Coordinator of the Associated Students and the ASUN Administrative Secretary.

420.1 The Clubs and Organizations Board shall have the following powers and duties:

420.1A To serve as a principal resource for all clubs and organizations as recognized by the ASUN.

420.1B To hear and investigate concerns and/or complaints that in any way involves a club and/or organization of the ASUN.

420.1C To take action on complaints in the following manner:

420.1C1 To make official recommendations to the ASUN Senate

420.1C2 To refer concerns or complaints to the appropriate ASUN or Administrative Body

420.1C3 To close its meetings whenever an individual’s personal character is brought into question or when the case relates to the educational record as stated in the Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act (Buckley Amendment)

420.1D To ensure compliance with the ASUN, University of Nevada, and/or the organization’s national chapter policies and procedures.

420.1E To promote and ensure interest and activity in clubs and organizations within the ASUN.

420.1F To set and approve operating policy for clubs and organizations.

420.1G To allocate those funds authorized by the Fiscal Allocations Board for the purpose of providing annual funding for clubs and organizations.

420.1H To review by-laws for the board and amend such by-laws by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the board and a majority vote of the Senate.

420.1I To have any other powers and duties that the ASUN Senate shall delegate.

SECTION 430 The publications Board shall have in its charge and control the administration of all ASUN finances appropriated to its by the Fiscal Allocations Board, as well as the responsibility for the policy of all ASUN publications.
430.1 The Publications Board shall consist of the following voting members: the ASUN Executive Vice President, who shall act as chairperson and may vote only to make or break a tie vote, one-third (1/3) of the membership of the Senate, as assigned by the Executive Council, editors/managers of the student newspaper (Sagebrush), the yearbook (Artemesia), the arts magazine (Brushfire), and the radio station (Wolfpack Radio). (and the advertising manager). Non-voting members shall be the ASUN Manager include the ASUN Advertising Manager, the Coordinator of the Associated Students, and the editors of other ASUN publications not previously listed, except the Sagebrush, Artemesia, and Brushfire, managers of all ASUN publications, any faculty advisers and the ASUN Administrative Secretary.

430.2 The Publications Board shall have the following powers and duties:

430.2A To allocate those funds authorized by the Fiscal Allocations Board for the purpose of providing those publications deemed necessary.
430.2B To appoint the editors and managers of all ASUN publications.
430.2C To remove by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting membership of the Publications Board the editor or manager of any ASUN Publication.
430.2D To review the budget of the ASUN Executive Vice President.
430.2E To review the by-laws for the board and to amend such by-laws by a two-third (2/3) vote of the board and a majority vote of the Senate.

430.3 The Publications Board shall formulate such policies necessary for the proper control of ASUN funds and the conduct of its business.

SECTION 440.0 The Programming Board shall have in its charge and control the administration of all ASUN finance appropriated to it by the Fiscal Allocations Board, as well as the responsibility for the planning, supervision, and presentation of all ASUN sponsored programming.

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

440.1A Committee chairpersons will be selected on the following bases: 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 Student Activities, Executive Council, and two (2) Senators-at-large, shall recommend a slate of successors from the pool of applicants for each chairship. 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 the Programming Board.

440.1B Filing for programming 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 elections.

440.2 The Programming Board shall have the following powers and duties:

440.2A To review and approve the general budget prepared by the Director of Vice President for Programming for presentation to the Fiscal Allocations Board. This budget shall be presented annually (based on the needs of each committee).
440.2B To review by-laws for the board and to amend such by-laws by a two-third (2/3) vote of the board and a majority vote of the ASUN Senate.
ARTICLE V
The Judicial Branch

SECTION 500.0 The Judicial Branch of the ASUN shall function through:

500.1 The Student Judicial Council.

500.2 Any and all Special Hearing Boards that shall be embodied by the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada System under the Disciplinary Rules and Procedures for cases of student misconduct.

SECTION 510.0 The Student Judicial Council shall hear and try all cases referred to its jurisdiction by a proper authority.

510.1 The Council shall consist of five (5) members and such advisors and administrative representations as it shall deem necessary.

510.1A The Chief Justice.
510.1B The Associate Chief Justice.
510.1C Three (3) Associate Justices.
510.1D Two (2) Alternate Justices.

510.2 The Judicial Council shall have the following powers and duties:

510.2A To act as the primary hearing board for student misconduct under the Disciplinary Rules and Procedures of the University of Nevada.
510.2B To interpret the Constitution of the ASUN and all acts of the Senate upon the request of the Executive Council or any member of the Senate or ASUN member.
510.2C To direct the reapportionment of the Senate upon the failure of that body to reapportion itself.
510.2D To rule on the validity of all ASUN elections in the case of a discrepancy.
510.2E To act as an arbitration board for any cases referred to it from any organization recognized by the ASUN.
510.2F To chair impeachment hearings brought before the Senate.

SECTION 520.0 All justices must have at least a junior (60 credits) standing, meet ASUN GPA requirements and be in good disciplinary standing with the university.

520.1 Chief Justice

520.1A Presides at all meetings.
520.1B Directs call of all meetings.
520.1C Maintains council records.
520.1D Must have at least one semester of Judicial Council experience.

520.2 Associate Chief Justice will assume Chief Justice’s duties in his/her absence. The Associate Chief Justice must have at least one semester of experience.

520.3 All new justices of the Student Judicial Council should be confirmed by the Senate before the term of the retiring justices expires.

520.4 The Chief Justice and Associate Chief Justice shall be chosen by majority vote of the Judicial Council. If there are not at least two (2) candidates with at least one
semester of experience, then the position(s) may be filled by any currently appointed justice by majority vote of the Judicial Council.

520.5 All justices and alternates shall attend at least one training session.

SECTION 530.0 The members of the Student Judicial Council shall be chosen in the following manner:

530.1 The Student Judicial Council, the ASUN President, and the Speaker of the Senate shall submit to the Senate two (2) names for each Council opening.

530.2 From the nominations given them, the Senate shall elect justices by a majority vote of the Senators present.

530.3 After vacant seats are filled, the candidates with the next two highest votes will be named alternates.

SECTION 540.0 Tenure of Office shall be two (2) years for justices.

SECTION 550.0 Justices may be removed from office in the following manner:

550.1 The Executive Council or any member of the Senate may impeach, for cause, one or more members of the council.

550.2 The Senate may then bring the justice(s) to trial by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership.

550.3 Senate will then try and remove with a three-quarters (3/4) vote.

SECTION 560.0 A quorum for disciplinary cases and appeals from the Election Board shall consist of four (4) members, and the quorum for ASUN related cases shall consist of five (5) members. A quorum must be present before a case can be heard.

SECTION 570.0 The Chief Justice shall submit a written report each month of the disposition of cases handled during the preceding month to the Senate.

SECTION 580.0 All disciplinary cases shall follow the procedure of Chapter VI, University of Nevada System Code. All other cases shall, whenever applicable, follow the procedure of the Division Hearing Committee as outlined in that chapter.

ARTICLE VI
Amendment, Initiative, Impeachment, and Recall

SECTION 600.0 Amendment of this constitution shall require the following procedure:

600.1 Proposal by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate membership; or

600.2 Proposal by a petition signed by ten percent (10%) of the ASUN membership, with at least one percent (1%) of the signatures from each college; and

600.3 Approval by two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of those voting in the ASUN general election.

600.4 Approval by the University of Nevada System Board of Regents.

SECTION 610.0 Impeachment
610.1 Definition

610.1A Any officer or Senator shall be liable to impeachment for malfeasance in office. 
610.1B Judgement shall be limited to removal from office and disqualification to hold any other ASUN office.

610.2 Procedures

610.2A Documented proof or supported allegations or malfeasance may be presented to, or realized by (in the case of excessive unexcused absences), the Executive Council for review.
610.2B Upon cause, the Executive Council must act upon charges and refer the case to the Senate Rules and Action Committee for an evidentiary hearing.
610.2C Upon hearing from the accused and the accuser(s), the Senate Rules and Action Committee shall either dismiss the case or present it to the Senate, which may impeach the accused by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

610.3 Hearing

610.3A The Chief Justice and the ASUN Judicial council will chair the impeachment hearing before the Senate.
610.3B The accused and the accuser(s) shall be allowed to present their case.
610.3C The accused will be removed from office by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Senate membership.

SECTION 620.0 Recall

620.1 Definition

620.1A All the new ASUN officers or Senators are subject to recall by members of the ASUN.
620.1B No officer or Senator may be subject to recall before he/she has held office for two (2) months.

620.2 Procedures - College Senators

620.2A A petition with the signatures of fifty percent (50%) of the college members that voted in the previous election in the college of the Senator in question must be presented to the ASUN Judicial Council for verification.
620.2B Upon verification, ASUN will hold a special election within three (3) weeks from the date the petition was submitted to the Judicial Council.
620.2C The reasons for recall as stated on the petition shall be printed on the ballot.
620.2D Recall shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total number of students who signed the recall petition.
620.2E If a senator is recalled then primary and general elections as needed shall be held within two (2) weeks and solely within the membership of that college.

620.3 Procedures – Officers Elected at-Large

620.3A A petition with the signatures of fifty percent (50%) of the ASUN members that voted in the previous election must be presented to the ASUN Judicial Council for verification.
620.3B Upon verification, ASUN will hold a special election within three (3) weeks from the date the petition was submitted to the Judicial Council.
620.3C The reasons for recall as stated on the petition shall be printed on the ballot.
620.3D  Recall shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total number of students who signed the recall petition.

620.3E  If an at-large officer is recalled, then primary and general elections as needed shall be held within two (2) weeks with the ASUN voting at large.

620.3F  At-large shall mean any ASUN elective officer whose constituency comes from more than one (1) university college.

SECTION 630.0 Initiative and Referendum

630.1  Any statute, resolution, or enactment may be put to a vote of the student body.

630.2  Procedures

   630.2A  A petition with the signatures of fifty percent (50%) of the total number of ASUN members that voted in the previous election must be presented to the Judicial Council for verification.

   630.2B  Upon verification ASUN shall be charged with the duty of submission of the question to the voters at the next succeeding election.

   630.2C  Approval shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total number of students who signed the initiative/referendum petition.

SECTION 640.0 Fiscal Procedures

640.1  ASUN shall follow System and University fiscal policies when expending student government fees collected by the Board of Regents and the revenue generated therefrom.

ARTICLE VII

Implementation

SECTION 700.0  This constitution is effective upon approval by 2/3 affirmative vote of those voting in the ASUN general election and approval of the Board of Regents of the University and Community College System of Nevada.