B. **STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

**Section 1. Student Body Organizations**

1. The Student Body organization, in exercising authority granted by its constitution, shall conform to rules, regulations and policies as established by the Board of Regents, and to all applicable statutes of the State of Nevada. If any of the provisions of a Student Body constitution are deemed to be in conflict with any of the rules, regulations and policies of the Board of Regents, or applicable statutes of the State of Nevada, the Board of Regents and the State of Nevada rules, regulations, policies, and statutes shall control. (B/R 12/97)

2. All actions taken by a Student Body organization shall be congruent with the goals and objectives stated in each constitution and other governing documents and shall be designed to serve the best needs of all constituents. (B/R 12/97)

**Section 2. Student Association Finances**

1. Student association funds shall be placed in the current funds-unrestricted group and administered as are other funds included in this group, with the following points observed:
   a. The constitution of each student association will guide budget development and execution and no constitutional provision shall conflict with Board of Regents policy and generally accepted accounting principles for colleges and universities. (The objective of these principles is to meet the public trust obligations for stewardship and accountability, necessitating a system of accounting and reporting that will insure full disclosure of the results of operations and financial position of the funds.) (B/R 5/74)

   b. Established procedures for all purchasing encumbrances of funds, payroll, cash receipts and gifts, as stated in the division's administrative manual, shall be followed, except as noted below. (B/R 5/74)

   c. An institutional President may delegate to a full-time professional business manager, employed by the institution and funded by a student association, all or part of the responsibilities and authority delegated to a business center controller or purchasing director for other institution funds. In the absence of such delegation, the President or the institutional business center controller retains this responsibility and authority. If such delegation is made, (1) the associated students' business manager will be guided by the same generally accepted accounting principles for colleges and universities as are division controllers; and (2) the association's books shall be audited at least once in every three-year period and a report on the audit shall be presented to the Board of Regents. (B/R 12/97)

   d. Gifts shall not be accepted by a student association until approved by the Board of Regents. (B/R 5/74)
e. The institutional President shall assure the legality of student body transactions and has the authority to stop the execution of a contract or transaction for legal reasons. A system of review must be in place whereby the president or his/her designee reviews transactions and contracts. This authority shall not be used as a devise for censorship nor to control development of student body policy; rather, the intent is to assure the legality of student body transactions. If the execution of a student body contract or transaction is stopped by the institutional President for legal reasons, he/she shall state his/her reasons in writing within five working days and return the contract to the President of the student body organization. The President of the student body organization may appeal this decision to the Board of Regents at its next regular meeting. The institutional President shall cause the appeal to be placed on the Board of Regents agenda pursuant to Article V, Section 11 of the Board of Regents Bylaws. (B/R 12/97)

2. a. Student associations shall follow all of the policies and fiscal management procedures expected of other units within the institution. In order to guarantee fiscal accountability, expenditures must be approved by both the business manager funded by the student association and the student association in accordance with its constitution. In the absence of a business manager, the President or his or her designee must approve the expenditure.

b. Those campus organizations and programs, which receive funds from the activities and programs portions of student fees, shall submit a budget request to the student government for funding. (B/R 12/97)

3. The public trust obligations for stewardship and accountability necessitate a system of accountability and reports, which will insure disclosure to students of the results of operations and financial position of the funds. A full report to the student body of the detailed expenditure of funds should be publicized at least once during the Fall or Spring semester. (B/R 12/97)

4. Each student association shall provide annually to the Board of Regents a report depicting revenues available, detailed expenditures and beginning and ending account balances of the association for the immediately preceding fiscal year. Each report must be presented no later than December following the fiscal year. (B/R 12/01)

Section 3. Regulations for Meetings of Student Governments

1. Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 241.038, the Board of Regents establishes these regulations for the meetings of the student governments of the Nevada System of Higher Education. (B/R 10/91)

2. "Student government" means each association of students within the Nevada System of Higher Education whose constitution has been approved by the Board of Regents of the Nevada System of Higher Education. (B/R 10/91)

3. The meetings of any multi-member executive or legislative body, committee, subcommittee, commission or subsidiary thereof of a student government shall be held in accordance with the provisions of the Nevada Open Meeting Law, Chapter 241 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, as amended. (B/R 10/91)
4. This section shall not apply to judicial proceedings of any student government, except for proceedings or meetings to consider the adoption of rules. (B/R 10/91)

5. Violations of this section shall be treated as follows:

a. Any action taken in violation of the provisions of this section is void. (B/R 10/91)

b. Each official of a student government who attends a student government meeting covered by the provisions of this section where action is taken in violation of any provision of this section with knowledge of the fact that the meeting is in violation thereof has engaged in conduct which violates an applicable stated policy of the Board of Regents of the Nevada System of Higher Education, and such conduct constitutes a violation of Section 6.2.2(t) of the Nevada System of Higher Education Code. (B/R 3/04)

c. The wrongful exclusion of any person or persons from a student government meeting covered by this section is conduct in violation of Section 6.2.2(t) of the Nevada System of Higher Education Code. (B/R 3/04)

d. An official of a student government who attends a student government meeting covered by this section at which action is taken in violation of this section is not the accomplice of any other member so attending insofar as violation of the Nevada System of Higher Education Code is concerned. (B/R 10/91)

e. Any violation of this section constitutes a violation of Section 6.2.2(t) of the Nevada System of Higher Education Code and shall be processed procedurally in accordance with Chapter 6 of the Nevada System of Higher Education Code. (B/R 3/04)

f. The office of every student government official found to have engaged in conduct in violation of this section shall become vacant upon a final determination being made under Chapter 6 of the Nevada System of Higher Education Code that such violation has occurred. (B/R 10/91)