

The Consolidated Students of the University of Nevada University of Nevada, Las Vegas

NOTICE OF PUBLIC

MEETING SENATE MEETING

<u>53 -27</u>

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DATE AND TIME: October 16, 2023 6 PM

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ROLL CALL

Seated Senators: <u>14/25</u>

Quorum: 12

CHAIR: SENATE PRESIDENT JULIA SALANGSANG

Howard R. Hughes College of Engineering

Chair ArellanoSenator GranadosP

- VACANT

College of Liberal Arts

-Senator Garcia-Contreras P

-Senator Lyons Present till 8:43PM -Chair Maranon Present at 7:11PM

-Senator Villanueva

- VACANT- VACANT

- VACANT

College of Fine Arts

-SPPT Abbo P
-Senator Hankins P

College of Sciences

-Senator Muneer P -Senator Tsasa UE

Greenspun College of Urban Affairs

-Senator Johnigan

- VACANT

William F. Harrah College of Hospitality

-Senator Nguyen

Lee Business School

-Senator Macrae E -Senator Toledo P - VACANT

College of Education

- Senator Thomas Present; Left at 7:11PM

Division of Health Sciences

-Senator Flores

-Chair Tavacoli

- VACANT

- VACANT

Present at 6:16PM Present at 8:02PM

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE AGENDA AND PUBLIC MEETING NOTE:

Below is an agenda of all items scheduled to be presented and considered at the meeting. Notification is hereby provided that items on the agenda may be taken out of the order and presented, two or more agenda items may be combined for consideration, and an agenda item may be removed from the agenda or discussion relating to an item on the agenda may be delayed at any time.

Some agenda items are noted as having accompanying reference material. Copies of the reference materials that are distributed at the meeting may be requested by emailing the Senate President at julia.salangsang@unlv.edu. Accompanying reference materials can be found online at https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1JIq9uRYkV_jeaL91WxPcsjJKLYVQhsMt. Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate persons with a disability attending the meeting. Please email the CSUN Senate President at julia.salangsang@unlv.edu in advance so that arrangements may be made.

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Opened 6:14PM

Closed 6:14PM

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment will be taken during this agenda item. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter is included on an agenda as an item on which action may be taken. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person. Persons making comments will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record and to spell their last name. The Board Chair may elect to allow additional public comment on a specific agenda item when that agenda item is being considered. 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, the Body, 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.

Opened 6:14PM

Closed 6:15PM

AGENDA

Call to Order and Roll Call

(See previous page for Roll Call)

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT INFORMATION ONLY The University of Nevada, Las Vegas wishes to acknowledge and honor the Indigenous communities of this region and recognize that the university is situated on the traditional homelands of the Nuwuvi, Southern Paiute People. We offer gratitude for the land itself, for those who have stewarded it for generations, and for the opportunity to study, learn, work, and be in community with this land.

PUBLIC COMMENT INFORMATION ONLY (See foregoing notation regarding public comment)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR POSSIBLE ACTION <u>53-24 & 53-26 Meeting Minutes</u> – as posted to the public

Opened 6:15PM

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53-24 & 53-26 Meeting Minutes have been approved

Closed 6:15PM

REPORTS INFORMATION ONLY A. SENATE COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Chair of each Senate Committee will report to the Senate concerning relevant action or business which has taken place in their respective committees since the last meeting of the Senate.

Opened 9:20PM

Ways & Means

Scholarships & Grants

Internal Affairs

University Initiatives

Chair Tavacoli

• Ready to have the meeting on Thursday

Closed 9:22PM

B. PROFESSIONAL STAFF REPORTS

The CSUN Professional Staff will report to the Senate concerning relevant action or business which has taken place in their areas since the last meeting of the Senate.

Opened 9:22PM

Advisor Dow

- Rebel Homecoming!!!
- Yard Show is on Thursday

- Tailgate game, support Royalty court and etc
- Congratulate re-elected Senators
- Going to start the new session with a small Senate
 - Please recruit to fill vacant positions
- WIll be out of office for about 3 weeks, will be back the Monday of Thanksgiving
 - Elva will be the stand in advisor

Closed 9:27PM

C. LIAISON REPORTS

The CSUN Department Liaisons will report to the Senate concerning relevant action or business which has taken place in their respective areas since the last meeting of the Senate.

Opened 9:27PM

Senate President Pro Tempore

• Please refer to the Reports for additional information

Senator Villanueva left on a Point of Personal Privilege at 9:34PM

Attorney General

• Please refer to the Reports for additional information

Senator Villanueva returned from a Point of Personal Privilege at 9:36PM

Directors

Director Mia

- Homecoming week
- Volunteering for tabling at Homecoming
- Photoshoot, will send an email regarding date and times

Senator Johnigan would like to suggest to move the headshots for the next session

Senator Flores wanted to ask if there is a spreadsheet of who is tabling

Senator Muneer left on a Point of Personal Privilege at 9:42PM

Director of Elections Commission

- Thank you to all the volunteers
- Finalizing any necessary paperwork

Judicial Council

D. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

The President, Vice President, and Senate President will report to the Senate concerning relevant action or business which has taken place in their respective areas since the last meeting of the Senate.

President

Vice President

Senate President

• Please refer to the Reports for additional information

Closed 9:47PM

ESTIMATED TIME: 20 minutes

1. CONSENT AGENDA FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine and may be approved by a single motion. However, any Consent Item may be moved to the Business portion of the agenda for discussion at the request of any Senator.

A. Approval of Scholarship and Grants Committee Appointments

Senate President Salangsang requests time for the approval of the following CSUN Senators to join the Scholarship and Grants Committee:

i. Senator Nguyen

Opened 9:19PM

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Approved

Closed 9:20PM

2. NEW BUSINESS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

New business is any motion that is new to this meeting. All items will be for possible action unless otherwise stated. The Chair reserves the right to call items in any order.

A. Presentation of New Associate Vice President for Student Life (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

Senate President Salangsang requests time for a presentation by Associate Vice President for Student Life, Dr. Deanna Merino Contino.

Opened 7:02PM

Associate Vice President for Student Life, Dr. Deanna Merino Contino introduced themselves to the public

Senator Johnigan asked if the speaker collaborates with the Minority Serving Council

Speaker Contino stated that she works with the council

Senator Johnigan recognized the national trend that DEI is being fazed away and asked the speaker's opinion on this issue

Speaker Contino answered that this will not be a problem for UNLV and this is a continuing conversation with the students to see what they want

Closed 7:09PM

B. Presentation of Proposed New Student Fee Increase (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

Senate President Salangsang requests time for a presentation of proposed new student fee increases by Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management, Barb Roberts, and Director New Student Orientation, Transition and Family Programs, Savannah Baltera.

Opened 6:15PM

(Refer to video for the guys name) Orientation Assistant, JT and Director New Student Orientation, Transition and Family Programs, Savannah Baltera gave their presentation regarding the new student fee increase

Senator Johnigan asked how much in total the organization is trying to obtain

Speaker Baltera stated that they would be gaining an additional \$360,000

Senator Johnigan stated that they are against the student fee increase

SPPT Abbo asked approximately how much funding the organization they have over a year and how much they expect to be paying Orientation Leaders

Speaker Baltera stated that the funds do not roll over on this specific account as they have to spend it. Speaker Baltera does not want to quote for the record, but new Orientation Leaders receive \$12.50 and experienced leaders get \$15.00

Chair Arellano asked if there was reason to the \$200 student fee, increase of \$45

Speaker Baltera answered that the increase of funds would allow the organization to grow the program

AG Leon-Martinez stated that they have seen firsthand that the fees are being utilized to the fullest extent

Senator Villaneuva asked when did UNLV decided to do the budget increase, they believe that it isn't justified to compare UNR and UNLV

Speaker Baltera stated that they weren't brought in the conversation so they do not know

Senator Villanueva asked if there were any student input regarding the issue

Speaker Baltera stated that this process is the student input and there is time till the December meeting

Senator Villanueva stated that the admissions experience was better at UNR so they wanted to put it in the record if UNR has a lower budget, and if so, how come they are doing it better

Senator Johnigan advised the Senators to comment on this issue

SPPT Abbo asked if there was a point of contact to ask more about the issue

Speaker Baltera answered that students can email or if CSUN wants to invite them back

Senator Flores commented that undocumented students may have a difficult time paying the student fee increase

Senator Lyons stated that they weren't onboard with the fee increase and asked if there

was any way to reevaluate the current funds

Speaker Baltera answered that they would have to

Senator Lyons asked if the organization exhausted options before increasing the fees

Speaker Baltera stated that they did a lot of research and the timing seemed right to ask for a fee increase

Senator Hankins stated that although they support the budget increase, it is highly unfortunate that the only way to fund this is through the students and that this should be funded in another way

Senator Villanueva is not in favor of the student fee increase, for the record

SPPT Abbo yielded the floor to the member of the public

Hoffman Madzou, Associate Justice for CSUN asked how would it make the student's life easier and help them in the long term

Speaker Baltera stated that the fees are to help students transition though their First Year and retaining students is a critical time, so it is important to give the students the tool

Hoffman Madzou asked why the organization isn't using the reserves instead of the student's fees

Speaker Baltera answered that they can't easily access the reserve

President Franklin stated that they would pay the extra 45 dollars for a great experience in Orientation

AG Leon-Martinez wanted to clarify that this is a one time fee and there is a benefit to the fee

Director Mia stated that they know where people are coming from, but is in support of the 45 dollar fee

Closed 7:02PM

C. Discussion and Approval of Funding for UNLV Girls Who Code College Loop

Chair Arellano requests time for the discussion and approval of Senate Bill 53-69 for a funding request of an amount no higher than \$2,005.65 submitted by UNLV Girls Who Code College Loop, all costs are to be encumbered from the CSUN FY24 Student Organization Line. Senate Bill 53-69 can be found in the CSUN Legislation record. The request may be subject to amendment at the discretion of the committee.

Opened 7:20PM

SPPT Abbo asked if they can table the discussion as it is difficult to ask clarifying questions

SPPT Abbo motions to table the discussion and approval of funding of UNLV Girls Who Code

Senator Villanueva seconds

Senator Johnigan asks why Chair Abbo can't present in substitute

SPPT Abbo states there are many RSO presenters waiting and it would be courteous to move the agenda forward

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Motion has been approved

Closed 7:23PM

D. Discussion and Approval of Funding for American Marketing Association

Chair Arellano requests time for the Discussion and Approval of Senate Bill 53-70 For a funding request of no more than \$4,619.50 submitted by American Marketing Association, all costs must be encumbered from the CSUN FY24 Student Organization Line. Senate Bill 53-70 may be found in the CSUN Legislation Record. The request may be subject to amendment at the discretion of the committee.

Opened 7:23PM

Christen Smith

Andres Carrasco

Hoffman Madzou

Chair Arellano took a Personal Point of Privilege at 7:25PM

Chair Arellano returned at 7:28PM

Senator Johnigan asked if Senators need to disclose if they are apart of the organization

AG Leon-Martinez answered yes and Senators need to state that they are apart of the organization and they won't pose any biases

Senator Johnigan asked when the Senators need to disclose the information

AG Leon-Martinez stated that Senators need to state the information before the discussion

Advisor Dow stated that the Board of Regents is discouraging Senators to abstain unless there are is a substantial personal financial gain, disclosure is still a requirement

Senator Nguyen states that they are apart of the RSO and they will not gain any personal financials

SPPT Abbo stated that the budget would have to be amended as there aren't enough members

Senator Villanueva asked if previous RSO funding approvals have been based on the Involvement website

Chair Abbo stated that everything is taken to a grain of salt and that he wasn't aware of the 27 members count

AG Leon-Martinez stated that the Involvement website may not be accurate so Committee and Senate relies on what the RSO states

Senator Villanueva stated that the Senate body is not being consistent with how many members there are in the RSO

Senator Johnigan is in align with Senator Villanueva

AG Leon-Martinez stated that it is up to the Senate to ask how many members there are in the RSO and it is hard to check the exact number

Chair Arellano asked how many members are participating in the RSO

Speaker Madzou stated around 30-40 students

Senator Johnigan believes the budget should be approved

AG Leon-Martinez recommended to stick to the members who paid dues to remain consistent

SPPT Abbo asked if the RSO would be able to operate if the budget is amended

Speaker Smith stated that it would be possible

SPPT Abbo asked a question to amend the bill and the RSO can appropriate the budget

AG Leon-Martinez stated that motions have to be specific, recommend to table the agenda item to amend the budget items

Speaker Madzou stated that they could remove line item 7 Western Regional Conference

Chair Abbo moves to amend Senate Bill 53-70 to amend the student organization's budget to not exceed \$3,750

SPPT Arellano seconds

Senator Johnigan feels that the Senate body is not serving the students

SPPT Abbo states that the Ways and Means Committee is trying to fund as many RSOs as possible and it is all in the act to serve the RSOs

Chair Arellano stated that there are many other sources of funds

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Amendment for AMA has been approved

13-0-0

Funding for American Marketing Association has been approved

Closed 8:01PM

E. Discussion and Approval of Funding for UNLV HOSA

Chair Arellano requests time for the Discussion and Approval of Senate Bill 53-71 For a funding request of no more than \$9,998.45 submitted by UNLV HOSA, all costs must be encumbered from the CSUN FY24 Student Organization Line. Senate Bill 53-71 may be found in the CSUN Legislation Record. The request may be subject to amendment at the discretion of the committee

Opened 8:01PM

Senator Flores took a Point of Privilege at 8:01PM

Kush Patel

Josephine Shaw

Senator Tavacoli was present at 8:02PM

AG Leon-Martinez asked if there are any members of the Senate who is apart of the RSO

14-0-0

Funding for UNLV HOSA has been approved

Senator Flores returned from Point of Privilege at 8:05PM

Closed 8:07PM

F. Discussion and Approval of Funding for Psychology Club

Chair Arellano requests time for the Discussion and Approval of Senate Bill 53-73 For a funding request of no more than \$8,475.93 submitted by Psychology Club, all costs must be encumbered from the CSUN FY24 Student Organization Line. Senate Bill 53-73 may be found in the CSUN Legislation Record. The request may be subject to amendment at the discretion of the committee.

Opened 8:08PM

Senator Villanueva took a Point of Personal Privilege at 8:08PM

Senator Villanueva returned from a Point of Personal Privilege at 8:11PM

Senator Johnigan stated that the RSO is beneficial to UNLV and asks the policy regarding subscription

Chair Arellano stated that it is within the operating policy

Senator Johnigan stated that UNLV already pays for the service in the Google suite

Advisor Dow recommended to treat this as how the operating policy doesn't fund websites

SPPT Abbo asked the RSO if the MailChimp is a future payment or if it is something that can be amended

Speaker ??? stated that the it might add extra strain if the budget item were to be removed

Senator Johnigan asked if the RSO already sent out emails using MailChimp

Speaker ??? stated that they are unsure as it is the Secretary's duty

SPPT Abbo stated that this RSO has huge impact and following of people so it taking this budget item away would be a burden

14-0-0

Funding for Psychology Club has been approved

SPPT Abbo left for Personal Point of Privilege at 8:25PM

Closed 8:25PM

G. Discussion and Approval of Funding for Sigma Omega Nu

Chair Arellano requests time for the Discussion and Approval of Senate Bill 53-74 For a funding request of no more than \$5,603.00 submitted by Sigma Omega Nu, all costs must be encumbered from the CSUN FY24 Student Organization Line. Senate Bill 53-74 may be found in the CSUN Legislation Record. The request may be subject to amendment at the discretion of the committee.

Opened 8:25PM

SPPT Abbo came back from Personal Point of Privilege at 8:30PM

AG Leon-Martinez asked if any members of Senate are apart of the RSO

Senator Johnigan asked what MGC stood for

Speaker ??? answered that it meant Minority Greek Council

Senator Johnigan asked how much the committee approved

Senator Flores stated that the budget has been amended down to \$3953.14

Senator Johnigan asked for the updated budget

SPPT Abbo pointed out the discrepancy in the budget

Senator Johnigan pointed out a clerical error

SPPT Abbo stated that the bill and budget matched

14-0-0

Funding for Sigma Omega Nu has been approved

Closed 8:37PM

H. Discussion and Approval of Funding for Society Of Automotive Engineers

Chair Arellano requests time for the Discussion and Approval of Senate Bill 53-72 For a funding request of no more than \$15,857.20 submitted by Society Of Automotive Engineers, all costs must be encumbered from the CSUN FY24 Student Organization Line. Senate Bill 53-72 may be found in the CSUN Legislation Record. The request may be subject to amendment at the discretion of the committee.

Senator Arellano stated that they are affiliated with this RSO and they do not directly benefit from this RSO

Senator Granados stated that they are affiliated with this RSO and they do not directly benefit from this RSO

Opened 8:38PM

Danielle Irey Alex Hironaka Mason Durham

Senator Lyons left at 8:43PM and is excused for the remainder of the Senate meeting

Senate President left on a Point of Personal Privilege at 8:45PM

Senate President came back from a Point of Personal Privilege at 8:48PM

SPPT Abbo wanted the Senate to talk about this topic as the RSO has a large operating budget

Senator Johnigan asked how long the discussion was in the committee

Chair Arellano stated that it was about 45-50 minutes

Senator Johnigan stated that the Senate body should not have any time constraints when discussing agenda items and Senator Johnigan trusts the committee and asked Chair Arellano if this budget can be approved and sent to the Senate body prepared

Chair Arellano stated that it has gone through its operating policy

Senator Johnigan stated that the budget seems to not have problems and that they are ready to approve it

SPPT Abbo stated that there was an amendment that posed the least amount of hardship, the being said, the RSO is over budget and it is something to be discussed

Chair Arellano wanted to note that the RSO has provided the information and it is ready as it is to the Senate and does not see any reason to amend the budget down

Senator Johnigan stated that this budget is ready to be approved, and if the Chair says it is good to go, then the Senate should approve it

Senator Villanueva stated that the committee was confident with the budget AG Leon-Martinez wanted to remind that this year, CSUN has the lowest budget as CSUN might not have enough funding for January

SPPT Abbo stated that they are aware of the current budget balance and the Ways and Means Committee have used a lot of the budget already and is concerned about future RSO funding

Senator Johnigan stated that it looks disrespectful to disregard Chair Arellano and other Senator's opinion in stating that this budget should be approved

Senator Hankins stated that CSUN looks bad to disregard the "couple of thousand" dollars as that money can be used to fund other RSOs, would not advise to keep funding over the budget

SPPT Abbo wanted to ask a clarifying question to Senator Johnigan if the senator was referring to the \$480,000 in the interest bearings account

Advisor Dow stated that the money in the interest bearings account does not apply to operation costs

SPPT Abbo stated that budget can not be expanded to the RSO funding

SPPT Abbo asked the RSO if there are any budget lines that can be amended

Speaker Durham stated that they prefer not to amend the budget items

Chair Arellano stated that the RSO absolutely need the budget

Senator Johnigan felt disheartened to discuss on whether or not to fund a RSO even though they have provided all the documents, and feel that the Senate body is not serving the students

Senator Hankins acknowledged that it is up to the interpretation of the Committee, but it

is important to uphold the operating policy

11-2-0

Funding for Society of Automotive Engineers has been approved

Closed 9:19PM

I. Discussion and Approval of SB 53-77: An Act To Amend The CSUN Bylaw Title XIII: Sponsorships

Chair Tavacoli requests time for the Discussion and Approval of SB 53-77: An Act To Amend The CSUN Bylaw Title XIII: Sponsorships. The bill can be found in the supplemental materials.

3. ADMINISTRATION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Administration is any business or motion that is related to CSUN operating as an entity; including but not limited to appointments, confirmations, and approval of operating policies. All items will be for possible action unless otherwise stated.

A. Nomination and Approval of a Scholarship and Grants Committee Chair

Senate President Salangsang requests time for the nomination and appointment of one (1) CSUN Senator to serve as the Scholarship and Grants Committee Chair for the remainder of the 53rd Senate session. Nominations will be accepted on the Senate floor. The duties of the Scholarship and Grants Committee Chair shall reflect the CSUN Constitution and Bylaws.

Opened 7:09PM

Senator Lyons nominates herself

SPPT Abbo asked if the candidate is aware of the additional responsibilities and if they can handle the responsibilities

Senator Lyons stated that they are aware of the responsibilities

Senator Villanueva asked how frequent Chairs can be appointed, especially since the term is coming to an end

Advisor Dow answered that the results will not affect the new Senate body

Arellano Y

Granados Y

Garcia-Contreras Y

Lvons Y

Villanueva Y

Abbo Y

Hankins Y

Muneer Y

Johnigan Y

Nguyen Y

Toledo Y

Flores Y

Maranon Y

13-0-0

Senator Lyons become the Scholarship and Grants Committee Chair

Closed 7:20PM

B. Discussion and Approval of CSUN Interns

Senate President Salangsang requests time for the following UNLV Undergraduate Students to join the CSUN Internship Program: Hakeem Khalifah

ESTIMATED TIME: 60 minutes

4. PUBLIC COMMENT INFORMATION ONLY

(See foregoing notation regarding public comment)

Opened 9:47PM

Senator Villanueva: We won 45:27! I will not be returning back to CSUN. I don't always feel comfortable, it is easy to make me uncomfortable and it is easy for me to get anxiety. I think this is one of the reasons why we have low retention; I have no hate, but I prioritize my mental health. I want to give a huge shout out to SPPT Abbo.

Senator Muneer returned from Point of Personal Privilege at 9:47PM

Closed 9:49PM

5. SENATE SUMMATIONS INFORMATION ONLY

Senators will be given the opportunity to deliver a short speech to the Senate that is relevant to the meeting at hand or containing announcements pertinent to the student body.

SPPT Abbo:

- Reminder to send mass emails before Halloween
- Thank you to Senator Villanuevea for being honest

Senator Johnigan

• Senator Johnigan will not be returning to the Senate

Closed 9:58PM

6. EXECUTIVE BOARD SUMMATIONS INFORMATION ONLY

Opened 9:58PM

The President, Vice President, and Senate President will be given the opportunity to deliver a

short speech to the Senate that is relevant to the meeting at hand or containing announcements pertinent to the student body.

Senate President Salangsang

• Thank you for staying here **7. ADJOURN**

Closed 9:58PM