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## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**Scholarships and Grants Committee Meeting**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**55-05**

*DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, March 26, at 6:00pm*

*LOCATION: SU ROOM 313R*

*<https://unlv.zoom.us/j/95832076320?pwd=DGVfDXoK8wikYKgaBxqLTsDfxFveXM.1>*

*CHAIR ODUNZE*  
*OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS*  
*COMMITTEE*

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## **AGENDA**

### **Call to Order and Roll Call**

No. of Committee Members: **5**

Quorum: **3**

Chair: Senator Odunze *Present*

Vice Chair: Senator Davis *Present at 6:36pm, Excused at 7:12pm*

Member: Senator Perez Martinez *Excused*

Member: Senator Southerland *Present*

Member: Senator Thomas *Present*

**1. 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.

*Opened: 6:05pm*

*Closed: 6:06pm*

### **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**INFORMATION ONLY**

*(See foregoing notation regarding public comment)*

*Opened: 6:06pm*

*Closed: 6:06pm*

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

*Request is made for approval of minutes of previous meetings*

*Opened: 6:07pm*

*Closed: 6:07pm*

*With 3-0-0 Minutes have been approved*

Minutes for meeting 55-04, as posted to the public <https://www.unlv.edu/csun/agendas>

### **4. 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.

#### **4.a Work Session for the Scholarships and Grants Committee Scheduling Times**

Chair Odunze requests time for the discussion and approval of the Scholarships timeline for the FY26 fiscal year. The committee will go over if there should be set open days and deadlines for each CSUN Scholarship.

*Opened: 6:08pm*

*Senator Odunze: Explains what the opening and closing times for scholarships are and how we should go about fixing it*

*Senator Southerland: States that it's a great idea to make the times accessible to students*

*Senator Thomas: Also agrees with Senator Southerland*

*Senator Odunze: Makes a closing statement*

*Closed at 6:10pm*

#### **4b. Approval of Applications for G.R.A.N.T. Applicants**

Chair Odunze requests time for the review of applications of the G.R.A.N.T.S Applications based on the G.R.A.N.T.S. rubric and award funding

*Opened at 6:10pm*

*Chair Odunze: Discusses about transparency and how the committee graded the papers*

*Chair Odunze: Goes over Vice Chair Davis's grading for applicant #1*

*Chair Odunze: Is gonna let the current members deliberate for applicant 1-4 and gives time to deliberate to make a decision*

*Chair Odunze: Wants to reconvene*

*Senator Thomas: States that this will be a good way to use the committee funds to help applicant #1*

*Chair Odunze: Believes that the student showed significant need for funding and explains how the student shows resilience during hard times*

*Chair Odunze: Moves to applicant #2*

*Chair Odunze: Gives committee 5 minutes to over applicant #2*

*Chair Odunze: Opens the floor to the committee*

*Senator Southerland: Thinks this will be a great use of funding*

*Chair Odunze: Agrees with Senator Southerland and how the vice chair made a great decision*

*Chair Odunze: Goes into applicant #3 and discusses about this applicant is asking between \$400- \$500*

*Chair Odunze: Goes over the grading for applicant #3 and gives the committee time to look into the application*

*Senator Southerland: Thinks that the applicant's statement wasn't really clear*

*Chair Odunze: States that applicant #3 got a 60% with their application*

*Vice Chair Davis: States that she was very confused about how the candidate discussed two different topics in the application*

*Chair Odunze: Restates that the committee already agreed on how the application wasn't clear*

*Vice Chair Davis: Says that the committee shouldn't move forward with the application*

*Chair Odunze: Agrees with Vice Chair Davis and asks Davis to go back to applicant #3*

*Vice Chair Davis: Thinks we should approve #3, but they didn't give enough information*

*Senator Thomas: States that it would be unfair to fund #4 over #3*

*Vice Chair Davis: Also agrees with Senator Thomas*

*Elba Palacios: Explains to focus on the specifics and how the statement was a bit too vague*

*Chair Odunze: Gives an example regarding the public and how they might feel this isn't the way to use funds*

*Senator Southerland: Restates that we shouldn't fund #2*

*Chair Odunze: Talks about how we're funding the first two applications and not the last two*

*Senator Southerland: Makes a motion to give \$120 to candidate #1 and \$500 to the #2 at 6:46pm*

*With 4-0-0 the funding is passed*

*Chair Odunze: Opens up Senator Perez-Martinez grading and goes more in depth*

*Chair Odunze: States that candidate #5 isn't asking for much and how it will help the campus*

*Senator Southerland: Says why not since it's not much*

*Chair Odunze: Moves to applicant #6 and goes over Perez Martinez's grading*

*Senator Thomas: States that from here on out he'll be voting no for candidates that don't meet the word requirement*

*Senator Southerland: Agrees with Senator Thomas*

*Chair Odunze: Moves to candidate #7 and explains the candidate's reasoning and budget*

*Chair Odunze: Explains candidate #8*

*Chair Odunze: Goes over Perez Martinez's grading and how she wants to help the first two and last candidates*

*Vice Chair Davis is excused at 7:12pm*

*Senator Southerland: States that he wants to fund candidate 5, 7 and 8 while making a motion*

*Senator Thomas Properly seconds*

*With 3-0-0 the applicants have been approved*

*Senator Southerland: Asks about candidate 7*

*Chair Odunze: Clarifies that candidate 7 application wasn't valid*

*Senator Southerland; Goes over applicant 9*

*Chair Odunze: Goes into details about what a clear application is*

*Senator Southerland: Talks about how the candidate was very vague and suggest denying the application*

*Chair Odunze: Agrees with Senator Southerland*

*Senator Thomas: Agrees with all the statements*

*Elba Palacios: Mentions how the students needs is tuition based*

*Senator Southerland: Stands with his previous statement*

*Chair Odunze: Agrees with Senator Southerland*

*Senator Southerland: Goes into detail about applicant #10 and why he graded it high*

*Chair Odunze: Explains that the candidate is asking for \$500 and how he agrees*

*Chair Odunze: Moves to candidate #12*

*Senator Southerland explains candidate #12's reasoning for funding and goes over the budget*

*Chair Odunze: Agrees but also states that the candidate wasn't too detailed*

*Senator Southerland Makes a motion to approve candidate 10 and 12*

*Properly second by Senator Thomas*

*With 3-0-0 the applicants have been approved*

*Chair Odunze: Goes into Senator Thomas applicants*

*Senator Thomas: Talks about his applicants and states that he wants to fund applicant 13-15*

*Senator Southerland: Aggress with senator thomas*

*Senator Southerland: Explains that they like the 250 statement*

*Senator Thomas: States that he feels that the evidence is lacking*

*Senator Southerland: Agrees with Senator Thomas*

*Senator Southerland makes a motion to fund applicant 13-15*

*With 3-0-0 it has passed*

*Chair Odunze: Goes through his candidates applications*

*Chair Odunze: Discusses candidate 17's application and why he gave them a 30/30*

*Chair Odunze: Discusses candidate 18's application and why he gave them a 30/30*

*Chair Odunze: Discusses candidate 19's application and why he gave them a 30/30*

*Chair Odunze: Discusses the candidate's 20 applications and why he gave them a 30/30. Also states how the candidate didn't ask for much*

*Elba Palacios: States that you could give candidate #20 more then what they asked for*

*Senator Southerland: Agrees that we should raise the funding for applicant #20*

*Senator Southerland makes a motion to give the maximum amount for funding to candidate #20*

*Properly seconded by Senator Thomas*

*With 3-0-0 the increase has passed*

*Senator Southerland makes a motion to fund candidate 17, 18, 19, 20*

*Properly seconded by Senator Thomas*

*With 3-0-0 the funding has been passed*

*Chair Odunze: Explains that it's hard to deny people but the application process was pretty specific*

*Closed at 8:02pm*

#### **4.c Training for Scholarships and Grants Liasonships (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**

Chair Odunze requests time for the training of committee members on how to communicate with liaisons.

**5.PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Opened at 8:04pm*

*Closed at 8:05pm*

**6.ADJOURN**

*Adjourned at 8:05pm*

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