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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

**UNIVERSITY INITIATIVES
COMMITTEE MEETING
55-06**

*DATE AND TIME: May 1st, 2025 at 5:30
p.m.*

*LOCATION: CSUN Senate Chambers - SU
313R*

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***CHAIR HANKINS
OF THE UNIVERSITY INITIATIVES COMMITTEE***

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AGENDA

Call to Order and Roll Call

No. of Committee Members: **11**

Quorum: **6**

Chair: Hankins - *Present*

Vice Chair: Pennie - *Excused*

Member: Gerwaski - *Present*

Member: Ibarra-Lira - *Excused at 7:06 PM*

Member: Morfinez-Solis - *Present*

Member: Ordonio - *Present*

Member: Rivera-Gaytan - *Present*

Member: Tecklay - *Present*

Member: Vega - *Present*

Member: Rejas - *Present*

Member: Cameron - *Present*

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Meeting was called to order at 5:33 pm

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT
ONLY**

INFORMATION

(See foregoing notation regarding public comment)

Opened: 5:34 pm

Closed: 5:34 pm

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Request is made for approval of minutes of previous meetings

Minutes for meeting 55-05, as posted to the public <https://www.unlv.edu/csun/agendas>

Opened: 5:34 pm

Voice vote

Minutes approved with a vote of 9-0-0

Closed: 5:35 pm

3. CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR REPORT

INFORMATION ONLY

Chair Hankins requests time for the Chair and/or Vice Chair's report regarding any updates on the committee, meetings, updates, or operational items.

Opened: 7:47 PM

Chair Hankins explained scheduling conflicts regarding the Period Project and promises a future date for the presentation.

Closed 7:48 PM

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Unfinished Business is any motion or action item that was under discussion and was postponed or moved to this meeting at the discretion of the public body as approved by the chair.

5. 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.

5.a Presentation for the Student Involvement & Activities (SIA) Campus Wide Programming Sponsorship FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Chair Hankins requests time for a presentation from Zoe Brill (and related persons/parties) regarding the annual sponsorship report for the Student Involvement & Activities (SIA) Campus Wide Programming Sponsorship.

Opened: 5:35 pm

Senator Ibarra-Lira makes a Point of Order to join the presentation as a presenter.

Chair Hankins approves.

Presenters introduce themselves and begin their presentation.

Chair Hankins approves of Senator Tecklay's temporary absence to resolve a technological issue.

Presentation resumes after the issue is resolved and Senator Tecklay returns.

Senator Morfinez-Solis takes a Point of Personal privilege at 5:53 PM

Presentation ends

Senator Rejas thanks the presenters and asks about the method of obtaining attendance numbers for UNLV Homecoming

Presenters respond with information regarding Rebel Events Board Instagram, physical marketing, and independent social media.

Senator Rejas asks about the method of counting attendance.

Presenters respond with information regarding the check-in app used at events and wristband checks at rides.

Senator Ordonio asks what the primary method of student feedback for hosted events is.

Presenters respond with information regarding an annual survey that is conducted alongside the check-in system. Presenters say that feedback is considered during retreats and used in future planning.

Senator Tecklay attests to SIA's impact and expresses gratitude.

Senator Gerwaski asks for clarification regarding the event pass and check-in distinction

Presenters clarify that the systems used are one and the same.

Senator Cameron thanks the presenters for their work and asks about student feedback regarding the events.

Presenters respond that most feedback is positive but they take constructive criticism into account. Presenters also provide an example of feedback regarding scheduling and how they addressed the concern.

Chair Hankins expresses gratitude for the presenters' work and time for the presentation and larger campus impact.

Closed: 6:03 PM

5.b Presentation for the International & Immigrant Student Support Sponsorship FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Chair Hankins requests time for a presentation from Nayelli Rico Lopez regarding the

annual sponsorship report for the International & Immigrant Student Support Sponsorship.

Opened: 6:03 PM

Coordinator Nayelli Rico Lopez begins their presentation.

Senator Morfinez Solis returns from Point of Personal Privilege at 6:08 PM.

Presentation ends.

Senator Rejas thanks Coordinator Lopez for the presentation and asks about how student feedback is processed. Senator Rejas also asks about future considerations.

Coordinator Lopez reaches out about eligibility checks and student feedback processes regarding form accessibility. Admits that there is no current method to ask for feedback on the process and impact but plans to publish separate forms in the future.

Senator Morfinez-Solis asks how many students receive a proper immigration status after utilizing the program.

Coordinator Lopez responds with statistics since April 2023, informing that 80 individuals had submitted an application and that more details could be provided at a later date.

Senator Ibarra-Lira asks about the 2024-2025 approvals of 5 out of 10 applicants, asking whether or not eligibility barriers are the reasons for denials.

Coordinator Lopez answers that ineligibility mostly relates to applicants requesting money to cover tuition costs or other conditions of not being a student in the upcoming year. Coordinator Lopez expresses an opinion that language changes to better address the ineligibility would be a potential solution.

Chair Hankins expresses her belief that underrepresented students should receive aid and extend an offer to work with Coordinator Lopez in the future.

Closed: 6:21 PM

5.c Presentation for the UNLV Hope Scholars Sponsorship FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Chair Hankins requests time for a presentation from Stephanie Cooper regarding the annual sponsorship report for the UNLV Hope Scholars Sponsorship.

Opened: 7:06 PM

Annabelle Chava begins presentation.

Presentation ends.

Chair Hankins expresses gratitude for the work and presentation.

Closed: 7:17 PM

**5.d Presentation for the UNLV Food Pantry Sponsorship
FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

Chair Hankins requests time for a presentation from Stephanie Cooper regarding the annual sponsorship report for the UNLV Food Pantry Sponsorship.

Opened: 7:17 PM

Presentation begins.

Presentation ends.

Senator Rivera-Gaytan thanks the presenter for both their presentation and the Food Pantry's work.

Senator Morfinez-Solis commends the presenter and comments on his own personal recognition of UNLV programs that assist with food insecurity.

Chair Hankins expresses gratitude for the UNLV Food Pantry's provisions for the students. Asks where food rescue is done from.

Presenter mentions Target, Albertsons, Panera, and Einstein Bagels as resources for food rescue.

Senator Gerwaski conveys interest in collaborating with the program.

Closed: 7:33 PM

**5.e Presentation for the Fostering Scholars Program Sponsorship
FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

Chair Hankins requests time for a presentation from Stephanie Cooper regarding the annual sponsorship report for the Fostering Scholars Program Sponsorship.

Opened: 7:33 PM

Presenter begins presentation

Senator Gerwaski makes a Point of Order regarding access to the presentation.

Chair Hankins assures that the presentation will be made accessible after the meeting.

Presentation ends

Senator Gerwaski expresses gratitude for the program and its recognition of underrepresented individuals.

Chair Hankins speaks on her personal experience and appreciation for the program.

Presenter highlights their 'wraparound' support services for students

Senator Gerwaski asks about opportunities for personal involvement.

Senator Rejas takes a Point of Personal Privilege at 7:45 PM

Presenters explain that students provide support in their own way and expand on program details. Expresses desire to reach out and get involved.

Closed: 7:47 PM

5.f Presentation for the Period Product Sponsorship FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Chair Hankins requests time for a presentation from the Chair herself and CSUN Advisor Daejha Hare regarding the annual sponsorship report for the Period Product Sponsorship.

5.g Discussion and Approval of Senate Bill 55-24: An Act To Amend The CSUN Bylaw Chapters 1202, 1203, and 1219 FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Chair Hankins requests time for the discussion and approval of Senate Bill 55-24: An Act To Amend The CSUN Bylaw Chapters 1202, 1203, and 1219 (as attached in the "Supplemental Materials" folder of the provided Google Drive). The bill will be presented by its author Senator Jose Ibarra-Lira. *Deliberation and amendments to the Senate Bill can occur under this agenda item.*

Opened: 6:54 PM

Senator Ibarra-Lira and Stephanie Cooper begin the presentation

Presentation ends

Senator Tecklay requests clarification regarding the funding amounts and increases

Presenters clarify values

Senator Gerwaski asks for elaboration on Section C, disagreeing with the outlined removals on grounds of the lack of transparency that would result.

Senator Ibarra-Lira asks if the referred point is regarding presentation requirements.

Senator Gerwaski clarifies on the point of perceived vagueness in the bill with the lack of written restrictions.

Senator Ibarra-Lira responds that the writing would require the sponsorship recipients would still have obligations to use the funds to assist the program as a secondary source.

Cooper expands on the program, its funding, and the related fluctuations both historically and currently.

Senator Rivera-Gaytan expresses support for the bill given the belief that oversight would be provided through committee action.

Senator Rejas agrees with Senator Gerwaski's expressed concern. Calls to question.

Senator Tecklay seconds

Roll call vote to end discussion

Gerwaski - N

Ibarra-Lira - Y

Morfinez-Solis - Y

Ordonio - Y

Rivera-Gaytan - Y

Tecklay - Y

Vega - Y

Rejas - Y

Cameron - Y

8-1-0 Discussion ends

Roll call vote for bill

Gerwaski - N

Ibarra-Lira - Y

Morfinez-Solis - Y

Ordonio - Y

Rivera-Gaytan - Y

Tecklay - Y

Vega - Y

Rejas - Y

Cameron - Y

8-1-0 Bill passes

Closed: 7:06 PM

**5.h Discussion and Approval of Senate Bill 55-25: An Act To Amend The CSUN Bylaw Chapter 1214
FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Chair requests time for the discussion and approval of Senate Bill 55-25: An Act To Amend The CSUN Bylaw Chapter 1214 (as attached in the "Supplemental Materials" folder of the provided Google Drive). The bill will be presented by its author Senator

Jose Ibarra-Lira. *Deliberation and amendments to the Senate Bill can occur under this agenda item.*

Opened: 6:21 PM

Senator Ibarra-Lira introduces the bill and presents related reasoning and goals.

Senator Gerwaski asks about the indiscretionary funding disbursement and how one can justify their allocation.

Stephanie Cooper responds with the future drafting of legislation and criteria regarding allocation.

Senator Gerwaski asks for such criteria to be included in the bill before approving.

Stine Odegard expresses agreement and poses the potential for redrafting.

Chair Hankins provides the options of either tabling the agenda item or making an amendment.

Senator Tecklay agrees with Senator Gerwaski and expresses his opinion of having presenters follow the redrafting process.

Senator Morfinez-Solis disagrees with tabling the agenda item and expresses his trust that the program would be fair regarding the disbursement.

Senator Rivera-Gaytan attests to the Navigator Program's positive impacts and the need for a merit-based disbursement guideline in the bill. Asks Chair Hankins for future potential to remove funding in the event of poor program operation.

Chair Hankins outlines the process of writing a bill to remove the funding in the event that the committee wishes to do so.

Senator Ibarra-Lira responds to concerns by claiming that putting specific guidelines would make the sponsorship operate closer to a scholarship, reporting on promises of transparency in the annual review process of their sponsorship.

Senator Gerwaski recognizes but disagrees with Senator Ibarra-Lira's point, referring to funding allocation issues in cases like the Board of Regents meetings. Expresses belief for written specificity in use and disbursement. Agrees with Senator Tecklay's proposal for the presenters to redraft the bill.

Senator Tecklay expresses trust in the program while recognizing the need for a regulation mechanism.

Chair Hankins provides a tentative schedule for a May 29 meeting for the University Initiatives committee.

Senator Morfinez-Solis argues that the issue regarding monetary disbursements and

usage is a result of the degree of written specificity as it relates to Board of Regents

Senator Rejas asks for clarification regarding the purpose behind Section 1 of the bill.

Senator Ibarra-Lira explains that the current writing grants students who dropped the program midway received partial funding. Says that the new drafting would grant the program additional discretion to grant similar funding to students who join midway.

Senator Rejas asks if the bill is intended to give the funding from dropped students to students who join midway.

Senator Ibarra-Lira responds by saying that the bill was intended to grant program coordinator discretion to address similar and additional issues.

Senator Morfinez-Solis agrees with a merit-based system for the program to grant funding according to student performance.

Senator Gerwaski elaborates on his advice to add specificity to the bill in order to address concerns of transparency to students.

Senator Morfinez-Solis refers to other sponsorships as precedent for language in the current bill. Expresses the opinion that the discussed degree of specificity is not necessary.

Chair Hankins asks presenters regarding their opinion bill redrafting process and opens up the future date of May 22nd for a possible meeting.

Senator Rivera-Gaytan comments on Senator Morfinez-Solis recognition of drafted sponsorship legislation, agreeing on principles of fairness and similarly strictness for other pertinent bylaws.

Senator Ordonio motions to table the agenda item.

Senator Tecklay seconds.

Roll call vote to table agenda item.

Gerwaski - Y

Ibarra-Lira - N

Morfinez-Solis - N

Ordonio - Y

Cameron - N

Vega - N

Tecklay - Y

Rivera-Gaytan - N

Rejas - N

3-5-0 Motion to table fails

Senator Gerwaski claims that he does not have the personal information to amend the

bill on the Sponsorship's behalf.

Senator Tecklay believes that the committee should amend the bill and have the presenters give a future presentation.

Senator Morfinez-Solis argues that the current bill is currently fine as is and should be passed

Senator Morfinez-Solis Calls to Question

Senator Rejas Seconds

Roll call vote to end discussion.

Gerwaski - N

Ibarra-Lira - Y

Morfinez-Solis - Y

Ordonio - Y

Rivera-Gaytan - Y

Tecklay - Y

Vega - Y

Rejas - Y

Cameron - Y

8-1-0 Motion passes to end discussion

Roll call vote regarding bill.

Gerwaski - N

Ibarra-Lira - Y

Morfinez-Solis - Y

Ordonio - Y

Rivera-Gaytan - Y

Tecklay - Y

Vega - Y

Rejas - Y

Cameron - Y

8-1-0 Bill passes

Closed: 6:54 PM

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

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Opened: 7:48 PM

Closed: 7:48 PM

7. ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM