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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Internal Affairs Committee Meeting 55-06

DATE AND TIME: July 17th, 2025 at 5:00pm

Student Union - CSUN Senate Chambers 313R

University of Nevada, Las Vegas
4505 S. Maryland Parkway
Las Vegas, Nevada 89154

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*CHAIR Shaw
OF THE Internal Affairs COMMITTEE*

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AGENDA
Call to Order and Roll Call
No. of Committee Members: 12
Quorum: 7

Chair: Shaw - *Present*

Vice Chair:

SPPT: Ibarra Lira - *Excused*

Member: Senator Curry - *Excused*

Member: Senator Davis - *Present*

Member: Senator Gerwaski - *Present*

Member: Senator Hankins - *Present*

Member: Senator Tuitele - *Present at 5:26pm*

Member: Senator Morfinez-Solis - *Excused until 6:40pm*

Member: Senator Tecklay - *Excused*

Member: Senator Brooks - *Present*

Member: Senator Mendoza *Not yet part of committee, acting as member of the public*

Member: Senator Prieto - *Present*

Member: Senator Melgoza - *Present*

Meeting called to order at 5:10pm

Chair Shaw gives a statement regarding recent Zoom meeting “attacks” and acknowledges the offensive visual and auditory language of recent events. States that committee members that are uncomfortable may be excused for the meeting.

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: 5:14pm

Closed: 5:14pm

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION ONLY

(See foregoing notation regarding public comment)

Opened: 5:14pm

Senator Gerwaski - Talks about the new Zoom features used for security and to inform senators how to participate in the meeting to mute and unmute.

Closed: 5:15pm

3. 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: 5:15pm

*Chair Shaw moves to a role call vote for the approval of minutes
Chair Shaw steps in to meet quorum*

Senator Davis - Y

Senator Gerwaski - Y

Senator Hankins - Y

Senator Brooks - Y

Senator Prieto - Y

Senator Melgoza - Y

Chair Shaw - Y

With a vote of 7-0-0, the minutes have been approved

Closed: 5:19pm

4. REPORTS

INFORMATION ONLY

A. Chair's Report (Information Only)

The Chair will report to the committee concerning relevant action or business which has taken place in their respective areas since the last meeting of the committee.

Opened: 7:09pm

Chair Shaw thanks the committee for their patience and due diligence during the agenda items and with the meeting's technical difficulties, congratulates Vice Chair Brooks

Closed: 7:10pm

B. Vice Chair's Report (Information Only)

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

Opened: 7:10pm

Vice Chair Brooks thanks the committee for the position

Closed: 7:11pm

5. 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.

6. 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.

4a. Nomination and Approval of a Vice Chair of the Internal Affairs Committee.

Chair Shaw requests time for the nomination of possible candidates and approval of one Vice Chair of the Internal Affairs Committee for the remainder of the 55th Legislative Session. Possible candidates can be nominated from the existing pool of senators. Once selected nominees will have the opportunity to give a short speech and respond to a series of questions from fellow senators. Deliberation and action will occur under this agenda item.

Opened: 5:20pm

*Chair Shaw nominated Senator Brooks for Vice Chair
Senator Brooks accepts the nomination*

Candidate Brooks gives her speech and highlights her qualifications for Vice Chair

Chair Shaw thanks the candidate and opens the floor for questions

Senator Gerwaski thanks the candidate and asks them for how they would take the minutes for the committee

Candidate Brooks speaks to her capabilities and reassures the committee on her ability to take detailed minutes

Chair Shaw thanks the candidate and shows her appreciation

Senator Tuitele is present at 5:26, making the committee with 7 members present, meeting quorum

Chair Shaw proceeds to a roll call vote to have Candidate Brooks as Vice Chair

Senator Davis - Y

Senator Gerwaski - Y

Senator Hankins - Y

Senator Tuitele - Y

Senator Brooks - Y

Senator Prieto - Y

Senator Melgoza - Y

With a vote of 7-0-0, Senator Brooks is elected as Vice Chair

Closed: 5:28pm

4b. Discussion and Approval of the IA Operating Policy. Chair Shaw requests time for the discussion and approval of an updated IA Operating Policy as presented in the supplemental materials attached to this agenda. Deliberation will take place under this item. Amendments can and may be made to the proposed item.

Opened: 5:28pm

Chair Shaw explains to newer senators the purpose of the Operating Policy and what the edits entail. Details changing the attendance policy to align with the Bylaws

Senator Gerwaski says that the attendance policy is strict due to emergency circumstances

Chair Shaw clarifies the edit, stating past unexcused absences have affected past meetings

Vice Chair Brooks agrees with Senator Gerwaski and recommends an edit to add an emergency clause

Chair Shaw agrees

Senator Gerwaski reaffirms the importance of having a line for discretion

Chair Shaw agrees and writes in the edit

Senator Gerwaski asks about the Code of Conduct addition to the policy

Chair Shaw clarifies the next edit on adding in Code of Conduct violations, aligning with the Bylaws

Chair Shaw clarifies the Notification of Process section in conjunction with Nevada Open Meeting Law (NOML)

Senator Gerwaski cites NOML and that the date states 21 calendar days instead of 14 days

Attorney General Rejas states that Senator Gerwaski is looking at an outdated version of NOML (2023), and that CSUN is following state code. He also reached out to NOML State Legislature, and to follow the revised statute

Senator Gerwaski references exceptions to NOML that are on the current Nevada Attorney General's website and states that there are two separate instances, one for character, and one for administrative action

Attorney General Rejas states that the code is NRS 241.033 and that it is state law, and that ABL 52

Senator Gerwaski asks if it is from the Nevada Attorney General's website

Attorney General Rejas states that it is from Nevada's Revised Statute and that he has

*confirmation of the statute
Chair Shaw asks AG Rejas to provide the statute confirmation*

Vice Chair Brooks sends the link for the NRS in the chat

Attorney General Rejas asks if the committee may come back to the NRS and that he had also confirmed with UNLV's general counsel that the NRS is the most updated version

Senator Gerwaski calls for a point of order, stating that the AG Rejas is not a part of the committee and should not influence the Chair

Senator Gerwaski says he is uncomfortable with taking advice from general counsel, and references another part of the statute, that a person must waive their right to a closed meeting. Would prefer direct supporting evidence of AG Rejas' claims and that general counsel should come forth to advise the committee

Chair Shaw asks for any other points of discussion and proceeds to the placement of meetings on the agenda

Senator Gerwaski states a point of concern, that the dating and the timing is concerning and that the committee should have 100% certainty of what the law states

Attorney General Rejas understands Senator Gerwaski's concerns, states that he has reached out to the Nevada Attorney General, and that the current manual of NOML is outdated, and the current is NRS 241.033

Chair Shaw states that the conversation is repetitive and that the committee may come back to this point of the operating policy, moves to the placement of complaints on the agenda

Senator Gerwaski asks for clarification on the supplemental material and the timeline separation of allegation and defense

Chair Shaw clarifies that there are further agenda items that will address this issue and proceeds to determination of violations

Senator Gerwaski asks for clarification in how agenda items are placed

Chair Shaw clarifies that a determination of a violation will occur first, then the committee will move to an investigation of what is necessary

Chair Shaw clarifies the complaint resolution

Senator Gerwaski references a Judicial Ruling and the limitations of the committee. States that the only body that may recommend a stipend reduction is the senate president during malfeasance

Attorney General Rejas clarifies that it is a recommendation from the committee to the Senate, which then votes on the stipend reduction

Senator Gerwaski reaffirms that the Committee cannot recommend a stipend reduction due to recent Judicial Ruling

Chair Shaw puts the ruling into the supplemental material

Attorney General Rejas asks Senator Gerwaski which governing document he is referencing, and that the Bylaws allow for the reduction. Mentions that the Judicial Council case was referencing due process

Senator Gerwaski redefines the ruling and the illegality of taking pay away except under malfeasance

Attorney General Rejas reads the ruling, stating that the Internal Affairs Committee did not have the power to reduce the petitioner's stipend, but was not the committee that reduced the stipend, rather only made the recommendation to the Senate President

Senator Gerwaski says that the past Senate President only brought the case to Senate because it was recommended by the committee

Attorney General Rejas reemphasizes that the past Senate President chose to move forward with the reduction, and that it is up to them to take action, and that Internal Affairs is bound by the Bylaws

Senator Gerwaski states that CSUN is bound by law, and that the Judicial ruling states the committee violated constitutional rights

Vice Chair Brooks asks that the information be brought to the committee

Chair Shaw agrees and states that she does not have access to the referenced source material

Senator Melgoza asks what a violation is and asks for clarification

Chair Shaw shows the newer senators what the referenced material is, what the governing documents are, and where to find it

Attorney General Rejas confirms that the Judicial Rulings are public in the drive and reassures the committee that he will do more research and due diligence into the material

Vice Chair Brooks reaffirms the discussion of the committee and recommends either striking material or tabling the operating policy

Senator Gerwaski apologizes to the committee and gives context, calls for formal written statements from advisors and counsel. States that the operating policy must be passed to move forward

Chair Shaw reclarifies that the operating policy does not need to be passed and the committee may use the old policy. Shows new senators how to access the agenda

Attorney General Rejas explains how to access Judicial Cases through the public drive

Advisor Hare explains how to find the Judicial Cases through UNLV emails

Chair Shaw redefines complaint resolution on the operating policy for the committee

Senator Tuitele motions that Senator Morfinez-Solis is in the waiting room

Senator Morfinez-Solis is present at 6:38pm

With 8 senators, the committee meets quorum

Senator Davis took a personal point of privilege at 5:43pm and returned at 5:48pm

Advisor Hare reexplains the process to finding Judicial Cases

Chair Shaw readdresses the dates referenced in the notification of process, asks if there is a motion to table the item

Senator Gerwaski requests a formal statement on the NRS 241 for the committee's reference to make a formal decision

Chair Shaw readdresses the recommendations to the senate within the operating policy

Vice Chair Brooks shows appreciation for the majority of the operating policy, recommends areas to strike from the policy

Chair Shaw clarifies the possible motions for the agenda items

Senator Gerwaski motions to table the item until there is official opinion from the Attorney General of Nevada or otherwise

Senator Davis seconded the motion

Chair Shaw moves to a roll call vote on the motion to table

Vice Chair Brooks - Y

Senator Davis - Y

Senator Gerwaski - Y

Senator Hankins - Y

Senator Tuitele - Y

Senator Morfinez-Solis - Y

Senator Prieto - Y

Senator Melgoza - Y

With a vote of 8-0-0, the motion to table passes

Closed: 6:48pm

7. 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.

7a. Discussion and approval of SB 55-33 An Act to Amend the CSUN Bylaws

Chapter 1101. Chair Shaw requests time for the approval of SB 55-33 as attached in the accompanying supplemental materials. Deliberation and amendments to the Senate Bill can occur under this agenda item.

Opened: 6:48pm

Chair Shaw explains to new senators the purpose of Chapter 1101 of the Bylaws and the bill. Explains the importance of due process and expands on jurisdiction

Senator Gerwaski shows praise towards SB 55-33, references NRS 241.033 as previously mentioned in discussion of the operating policy, reaffirms question of having open meetings for character

Chair Shaw explains date considerations for due process

Senator Gerwaski references NRS 241.030, subsection 2, and shows concern over waiving rights to closed meetings

Attorney General Rejas responds to Senator Gerwaski's references and readdresses the concern over closed meetings

Senator Gerwaski asserts that the subsection does apply to the concern of an individual's rights to a closed meeting

Advisor Hare demonstrates another way to find Judicial Council cases through online links

Attorney General Rejas gives his opinion on subsection 2

Senator Gerwaski reaffirms that the subsection will apply unless stated otherwise

Chair Shaw thanks AG Rejas and Senator Gerwaski for their points of discussion. Asks committee to move forward

Vice Chair Brooks asks for clarification and agrees to move forward with the discussion

Chair Shaw gives clarification on the issue at hand, and references the previous agenda item, the timeline in the operating policy. Explains that it is preferred to not only have such changes be in the operating policy, but also the Bylaws

Senator Gerwaski asks if it would be possible to motion to table the item until there is more information

Chair Shaw confirms that it is possible and preferred to have all the right information

before proceeding

Senator Gerwaski motions to table to agenda item until there is further confirmation on the dates being discussed

Seconded by Senator Davis

Chair Shaw moves to a roll call vote on the motion to table

Vice Chair Brooks - Y

Senator Davis - Y

Senator Gerwaski - Y

Senator Hankins - Y

Senator Tuitele - Y

Senator Morfinez-Solis - Y

Senator Prieto - Y

Senator Melgoza - Y

With a vote of 8-0-0, the motion to table passes

Closed: 7:08pm

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION ONLY

Opened: 7:11pm

Senator Gerwaski - Thanks the Chair and Attorney General for their patience, thanks the committee for their understanding and being professional

Closed: 7:12pm

8. ADJOURN

Adjourned at 7:12pm