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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

SENATE MEETING 55-09

*DATE AND TIME: February 24th, 2025 at
6:00PM*

**Student Union – Meeting Rooms 208 B&C
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
4505 S. Maryland Parkway
Las Vegas, Nevada 89154**

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ROLL CALL

Seated Senators: **18/25**

Quorum: **12**

CHAIR: **Senate President Abbo**

Howard R. Hughes College of Engineering

- Senator Gerwaski- *Present*

- Senator Morfinez-Solis- *Present*
- Senator Vega- *Present*

College of Liberal Arts

- Senator Ibarra Lira- *Present*
- Senator Odunze- *Present*
- Senator Ordonio- *Present*
- Senator Thomas- *Present, Excused at 8pm*
- Senator Tuitele- *Present*
- VACANT

College of Fine Arts

- Senator Hankins- *Present*
- Senator Pennie- *Excused*

College of Sciences

- Senator Perez Martinez- *Present*
- Senator Tecklay- *Present*

Greenspun College of Urban Affairs

- Senator Davis- *Present*
- Senator Rivera Gaytan- *Present*

William F. Harrah College of Hospitality

- Senator Southerland- *Present*

Lee Business School

- Senator Curry- *Present*
- VACANT
- VACANT
- VACANT

College of Education

- VACANT

Division of Health Sciences

- SPPT Flores- *Present*
- Senator Shaw- *Excused*
- VACANT
- VACANT

The meeting was called to order at 6 pm.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION **ABOUT THE AGENDA AND** **PUBLIC MEETING NOTE:**

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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.

AGENDA

Call to Order and Roll Call
(See previous page for Roll Call)

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: 6:01 pm

Closed: 6:02 pm

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION ONLY

(See foregoing notation regarding public comment)

Opened: 6:02 pm

Josephine Shaw- Endorses Candidate Rejas for the position as a Senator for the College of Liberal Arts.

Senate President Abbo on behalf of Allister Dias- Shows support for expanding the parking initiative.

Closed: 6:04 pm

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

[55-08](#) Meeting Minutes – as posted to the public

Opened: 6:04 pm

Senate President Abbo moves to a voiced vote.

With a vote of 16-0-0 55-08 Meeting Minutes have been approved.

Closed: 6:05 pm

4. 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: 7:46 pm

Ways & Means - Chair Curry

Chair Curry- Talks about the upcoming meeting.

Senator Ibarra Lira- Asks about receipt collections.

Chair Curry- States RSOs can actively submit receipts.

Scholarships & Grants - Chair Odunze

Chair Odunze- Talks about open grants and tabling days.

Internal Affairs - Chair Thomas

Chair Thomas- Talks about the upcoming meeting.

Senator Gerwaski- States they are unable to access supplemental materials for the meeting.

Chair Thomas- States they will look at it.

University Initiatives - Chair Hankins

Chair Hankins- Talks about upcoming work and the several initiatives being worked on.

Closed: 7:53 pm

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 minutes

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: 7:53 pm

Advisor Hare- Talks about onboarding for new Senators.

Advisor Dow- Talks about the upcoming Board of Regents meeting. Points out specific agenda items to look into.

Senator Perez Martinez- Asks if the Senate has a meeting next week.

Senate President Abbo- States no.

Closed: 7:57 pm

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes

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: 7:57 pm

Senate President Pro Tempore

SPPT Flores- Congratulates the new interns and talks about onboarding for interns. Talks about meeting for Vice Chairs and Senators taking on more than two meetings. Talks about Senator office hours.

Senator Gerawaski takes a point of personal privilege at 7:59 pm.

Senator Thomas is excused from the meeting at 8pm.

Senator Gerwaski returns from a point of personal privilege at 8:01 pm.

Attorney General

Directors

Director Tolano- Talks about CSUN backpacks. Promotes College of Science Mixer on Instagram.

Director Casanova- Talks about filing closing for Executive Elections. Talks about upcoming campaigning.

Associate Director Blackman- Promotes their upcoming event.

Judicial Council

Closed: 8:08 pm

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 minutes

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.

Opened: 8:08 pm

President

President Dias- Talks about creating bylaws and bills for CSUN Fee Increase. Talks about changes to scholarships and using funds. Talks about work upcoming in March and April.

Vice President

Vice President Daily- Gives reminders to Directors and talks about planning a banquet.

Senate President

Senate President Abbo- Gives reminders to Senators about outreach hours and office hours. States there is no meeting next week.

Closed: 8:22 pm

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 minutes

5. 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.

Opened: 7:10 pm

A. Approval of University Initiatives Committee Appointments

Chair Hankins requests time for the approval of the following CSUN Senators to join the University Initiatives Committee:

- Senator Vega

B. Approval of Internal Affairs Committee Appointments

Chair Thomas requests time for the approval of the following CSUN Senators to join the Internal Affairs Committee:

- Senator Morfinez-Solis

Senate President Abbo moves to a voiced vote.

With a vote of 16-0-0 the Consent Agenda has been approved.

Closed: 7:11 pm

6. 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 by Parking & Transportation Services (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

President Dias requests time for a presentation from Parking and Transportation Services. This presentation will include an in depth overview of the UNLV Transit Center Garage as well as provide time for Senators to ask questions. This agenda item will not include any substantive discussion on future business and all questions and discussion will be limited to the content presented.

Opened: 6:05 pm

Senator Gerwaski- Asks about a previous meeting item.

Ted McDowell- Gives presentation on the Transit Center Parking Garage initiative for expanding parking on campus found in supplemental materials. Talks about funding and upcoming plans.

Senator Davis- Asks if the project would get rid of the surrounding stores and bus stops/

Ted McDowell- States the location would be south of the transit center.

Senator Gerwaski- Asks about amount of Thomas and Mack parking revenue is given back to students

Ted McDowell- Clarifies the location further.

Senator Gerwaski- Asks about generating revenue and justification of fee increase. Ask where parking fees go.

Ted McDowell- Clarifies how parking fee is spent.

Senator Gerwaski- Asks about maintaining the parking garage.

CFO Casey Wyman- Talks about using fees.

Senator Gerwaski- Expresses concerns about parking at UNLV.

Ted McDowell- Talks about differences in fees, looking to increase parking permit fees.

Senator Thomas- Asks about the change in parking fees for residents.

Ted McDowell- Talks about reserved parking spots that are long term.

Senator Ibarra Lira- Asks about expanding bus routes to UNLV.

Ted McDowell- States they welcome all routes, states it is controlled by RTC.

Senate President Abbo- Asks about breakdown of the allocated parking spots.

Ted McDowell- States there will not be resident specific parking, there will be visitor availability but majority student parking .

Senator Davis- Asks about accessibility of parking garages for those with disabilities. Asks about ticketing.

Ted McDowell- States accessibility is up to architects and looking into detail in the future.

Senator Gerwaski- Asks about expanding parking to the north side of campus.

Ted McDowell- Talks about future expansion of student transportation.

Senator Tuitele- Asks about one way road and accessibility to the future structure.

Ted McDowell- States the road will be whipped.

Senator Thomas- Asks about how much an increase to parking will be.

Ted McDowell- \$3 per month.

Senator Davis- Asks about safety in the parking structure.

Ted McDowell- Talks about camera surveillance and emergency.

Senator Gerwaski- Gives concern about driving safety on campus.

Ted McDowell- States they will pass that on.

Senator Morfinez-Solis- Asks about surveillance in Cottage Grove parking.

Ted McDowell- States there is surveillance in Cottage Grove. Opens to email for any concerns about parking on campus.

CFO Casey Wyman- Wants to gain support from the student body as they bring the project to the Board of Regents.

Senate President Abbo- Talks about potentially drafting a resolution.

Senator Curry- Asks when the project will be presented to the Board of Regents.

CFO Casey Wyman- The beginning of March

Mike Lawrence- States they wanted to get on the agenda sooner.

Senator Gerwaski- Talks about bringing the project to their constituents. Asks about the tenure renewal plan.

CFO Casey Wyman- States they would have to go back and check.

Mike Lawrence- Talks about retail options in parking space.

Senator Gerwaski- Further clarifies tenure plan.

Mike Lawrence- States they are giving a shell plan to be filled.

Senate President Abbo- States they will not have a meeting before the Board of Regents meeting.

Senator Davis- Asks how they can support the plan without a resolution.

Senate President Abbo- States you can state your own opinions as a Senator.

Senator Thomas- Asks how long the plans have been in the works.

CFO Casey Wyman- States they have been trying to get approval and pass for years.

Senator Thomas- Shows concerns and wants to get the opinion of the students.

Mike Lawrence- Talks about extending outreach.

Senator Ordonio- Talks about the need for parking as heard from students.

Senator Davis- Asks about timing.

CFO Casey Wyman- States they do not have a definitive timeline. Talks about costs of delays.

Senator Curry- Talks about ways to get student opinions.

Senate President Abbo- Talks about making public comments at the meeting.

Senator Gerwaski- Talks about concern about student fee increases but students do not see impacts. States they do not support right now.

Senator Ibarra Lira- Shows support for the initiative.

Senator Davis- Asks for clarification regarding the Board of Regents meeting. Shows support for initiative.

Senate President Abbo- Gives meeting date.

Mike Lawrence- Further clarifies when initiative will be proposed.

President Dias- Shows support for the initiative and gives benefit to the students.

Closed: 6:54 pm

B. Presentation by Gregory Brown on President's Task Force on Jewish Identity and Inclusion

President Dias requests time for a presentation from Gregory Brown. This presentation will include an in depth overview of the President's Task Force on Jewish Identity and Inclusion as well as provide time for Senators to ask questions. This agenda item will not include any substantive discussion on future business and all questions and discussion will be limited to the content presented.

Opened: 6:54 pm

Senator Morfinez-Solis takes a point of personal privilege at 6:54 pm.

Professor Gregory Brown- Talks about the background of the initiative for Jewish students on campus. Talks about collecting data on the Jewish population at UNLV and upcoming surveying/focus groups. States want to increase outreach and increase education. Talks about upcoming events.

Senator Morfinez-Solis returns from a point of personal privilege at 6:58 pm.

Senator Gerwaski- Talks about reaching out to Jewish organizations and not knowing how many Jewish students there are on campus.

Professor Gregory Brown- Talks about working to identify Jewish students.

Closed: 7:07 pm

C. Discussion on Nevada Reading Week (INFORMATION ONLY)

President Dias requests time for the discussion of and regarding the upcoming Nevada Reading Week. Items for consideration at future meetings may be suggested under this agenda item and must remain relevant to the proposed item. Any discussion of an item under “New Business” is limited to description and clarification of the subject matter of the item, which may include the reasons for the request. No substantive discussion may occur at this meeting on new business items in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law (NRS 241.020 et seq).

Opened: 7:07 pm

Senator Davis took a point of personal privilege at 7:03 pm.

Senator Davis returned from a point of personal privilege at 7:08 pm/

President Dias- Talks about an opportunity for CSUN students to read at the CSUN preschool for Nevada Reading Week.

Senator Ibarra Lira- Talks about what books to read.

Advisor Dow- States there is a library to pick books.

Senator Davis- Asks if you can bring snacks.

Senate President Abbo- States they do not know

Senator Hankins- States to look at the local library.

Closed: 7:10 pm

ESTIMATED TIME: 45 minutes

7. 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. Discussion and Approval of the University Initiatives Operating Policy

Chair Hankins requests time for the discussion and approval of an updated University Initiatives Committee 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: 7:11 pm

Senator Hankins- Presents the University Initiative Operating Policy as found in the supplemental materials. Points out changes made to the operating policy.

Senator Thomas- Shows appreciation towards operating policy.

Senate President Abbo moves to a voiced vote.

With a vote of 16-0-0 the University Initiatives Operating Policy has been approved.

Closed: 7:19 pm

B. Discussion and Approval of Brandyn Roque-Godoy as a member of the CSUN Internship Program

SPPT Flores requests time for the presentation and approval of Brandyn Roque-Godoy as a member of the CSUN Internship Program. The candidate will have time under this item to present their candidacy and answer any questions from the Senate. Deliberation will take place under this agenda item

Opened: 7:20 pm

Candidate Roque-Goday- Presents speech to join the CSUN Internship Program.

Senator Curry- Asks what committee they would be interested in shadowing.

SPPT Flores- Talks about the candidate's work and volunteer work for CSUN in the past.

Senator Morfinez-Solis- Asks what major the candidate is.

Candidate Roque-Goday- Mechanical Engineering.

Senate President Abbo moves to a voiced vote.

With a vote of 16-0-0 Candidate Roque-Goday has been approved for the CSUN

Internship Program.

Closed: 7:28 pm

C. Discussion and Approval of Qian Lin as a member of the CSUN Internship Program

SPPT Flores requests time for the presentation and approval of Qian Lin as a member of the CSUN Internship Program. The candidate will have time under this item to present their candidacy and answer any questions from the Senate. Deliberation will take place under this agenda item

D. Discussion and Approval of Jazmin De Los Santos as a member of the CSUN Internship Program

SPPT Flores requests time for the presentation and approval of Jazmin De Los Santos as a member of the CSUN Internship Program. The candidate will have time under this item to present their candidacy and answer any questions from the Senate. Deliberation will take place under this agenda item

Opened: 7:28 pm

Candidate De Los Santos- Presents speech to join the CSUN Internship Program.

Senator Gerwaski- Asks for clarification on major. Shows appreciation towards the candidate.

Senator Thomas- Shows appreciation towards the candidate.

Senator Odunze- Talks about helping plan mixers and promotes REB board.

Senator Tuitele- Shows appreciation towards the candidate.

Senate President Abbo moves to a voiced vote.

With a vote of 16-0-0 Candidate De Los Santos has been approved for the CSUN Internship Program.

Closed: 7:33 pm

E. Discussion and Approval of Madison Shum as a member of the CSUN Internship Program

SPPT Flores requests time for the presentation and approval of Madison Shum as a member of the CSUN Internship Program. The candidate will have time under this item to present their candidacy and answer any questions from the Senate. Deliberation will

take place under this agenda item

F. Appointment of Pio Rejas as a Senator for College of Liberal Arts

Senate President Abbo requests time for the appointment of Pio Rejas as a Senator for the College of Liberal Arts. The candidate will have an opportunity to present their candidacy followed by questions from the Senate. Deliberation will take place under this item. Amendments can and may be made to the proposed item.

Opened: 7:33 pm

Candidate Rejas- Presents speech for the position as a Senator for the College of Liberal Arts.

Senator Davis- Shows appreciation for the candidate.

Senator Hankins- Promotes University Initiatives committee and shows appreciation towards the candidate.

Senator Curry- Asks what initiatives the candidate has to improve the campus

Candidate Rejas- States they like to talk to students and have seen concerns about parking and student fees.

Senator Thomas- Shows appreciation towards the candidate.

Senate President Abbo- Shows appreciation towards the candidate.

Senate President Abbo moves to a voiced vote.

With a vote of 15-1-0 Candidate Rejas has been approved as a Senator for the College of Liberal Arts.

President Dias- gives power to Director Casanova to swear in Pio Rejas as a Senator of the College of Liberal Arts.

Senator Rejas- sworn into CSUN.

Closed: 7:45 pm

ESTIMATED TIME: 45 minutes

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION ONLY

(See foregoing notation regarding public comment)

Opened: 8:22 pm

Pio Rejas- Shows thanks towards Senators for appointment.

Closed: 8:23 pm

9. 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.

Opened: 8:23 pm

Senator Ibarra Lira- Promotes some upcoming events around campus.

Senator Perez Martinez- Promotes College of Sciences mixer on Wednesday.

Senator Davis- Promotes some upcoming events around campus.

Closed: 8:27 pm

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 minutes

10. EXECUTIVE BOARD SUMMATIONS

INFORMATION ONLY

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.

Opened: 8:27 pm

President Dias- States they sent out the Nevada Reading Week opportunity via email.

Senate President Abbo- Congratulates the new Senator.

Closed: 8:28 pm

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 minutes

11. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.