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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

SENATE MEETING 55-12

DATE AND TIME: April 7th, 2025 at 6:00PM

**Student Union – CSUN Senate Chambers 313R
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
4505 S. Maryland Parkway
Las Vegas, Nevada 89154**

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ROLL CALL

Seated Senators: **21/25**

Quorum: **14**

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- *Excused until 6:10 pm, Present at 6:25 pm*
- Senator Ordonio- *Present*
- Senator Rejas- *Present*
- Senator Thomas- *Present*
- Senator Tuitele- *Present*

College of Fine Arts

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

College of Sciences

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

Greenspun College of Urban Affairs

- Senator Davis- *Unexcused, Present at 6:07 pm*
- Senator Rivera Gaytan- *Present*

William F. Harrah College of Hospitality

- Senator Southerland- *Present*

Lee Business School

- Senator Cameron- *Present*
- Senator Curry- *Present*
- Senator Muñoz- *Present*
- VACANT

College of Education

- VACANT

Division of Health Sciences

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

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 christian.abbo@unlv.edu. Accompanying reference materials can be found online at https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/17PHdRfvq5fxkWQrVXu5_HKYk7bo1s09g. Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate persons with a disability attending the meeting. Please email the CSUN Senate President at christian.abbo@unlv.edu in advance so that arrangements may be made.

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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)

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

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: 6:02 pm

Closed: 6:02 pm

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION ONLY

(See foregoing notation regarding public comment)

Opened: 6:02 pm

Silvana Debesay- Passes out supplemental material. Comments on mental health and shows appreciation towards UNLV for the mental health crisis. States they want to do more for community college students and mental health.

Sarah Chemplavil- Speaks about proposing to add a Senator representing the Honors College in CSUN. Talks about distinctions between the Honors College and the rest of UNLV faculty. States the Honors Student Council is not a student government. SaraJane Devereaux, Isabella Romero are present with them.

Senator Davis is present at 6:07 pm.

Closed: 6:11 pm

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

[55-11 Meeting Minutes](#) – as posted to the public

Opened: 6:11 pm

Senate President Abbo moves to a voiced vote.

With a vote of 19-0-0, 55-11 Meeting Minutes have been approved.

Closed: 6:12 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: 7:35 pm

Ways & Means - Chair Curry

Chair Curry- Talks about upcoming hybrid training.

Scholarships & Grants - Chair Odunze

Chair Odunze- Talks about the upcoming meeting date and liaisons.

Internal Affairs - Chair Thomas

Chair Thomas- Talks about upcoming work for the Internal Affairs committee.

Senator Curry takes a point of personal privilege at 7:38 pm.

Senator Ibarra Lira- Asks about setting up a 1:1 meeting with Chair Thomas.

Chair Thomas- Refers to supplemental materials.

University Initiatives - Chair Hankins

Chair Hankins- Talks about upcoming sponsorship presentations.

Senator Rejas takes a point of personal privilege at 7:40 pm.

Senator Curry returns from a point of personal privilege at 7:40 pm.

Senator Rejas returns from a point of personal privilege at 7:41 pm.

Closed: 7:41 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:

Closed: 7:41

Advisor Hare- Shows appreciation towards the new Senator. Promotes tabling at Executive Elections. Talks about sending out flyers through CSUN group. Talks about GCE for civic engagement.

Senator Ibarra Lira- Asks if you can table without signing up.

Advisor Hare- States yes.

Senator Rejas- Asks if volunteering is only for CSUN.

Advisor Hare- States it is not just CSUN, volunteers can table.

Closed: 7:45 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: 7:45 pm

Senate President Pro Tempore

SPPT Flores- Shout outs interns. Talks about mass emails for Senators. Talks about upcoming intern information sessions.

Attorney General

Directors

Director Tolano- Promotes signing up for New Student Orientations. Talks about creating flyers for mixers.

Judicial Council

Senator Southerland takes a point of personal privilege at 7:45 pm.

Senator Southerland returns from a point of personal privilege at 7:48 pm.

Closed: 7:48 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: 7:48 pm

President

President Dias- Promotes tabling for Executive Elections and talks about timing of committee meetings. Talks about bills needed to be passed before the 54th Executive Session ends.

Vice President

Vice President Daily- Gives updates on the Executive branches. Talks about upcoming CSUN banquet and events from Legislative and Civic Affairs. Talks about working with Executive interns and bylaw changes.

SPPT Flores- Asks if interns can come to CSUN banquet.

Vice President Daily- States interns and Elections Commission is invited.

Senator Davis- Asks about attire for the banquet.

Senate President Abbo- States it is formal.

Vice President Daily- States theme is Casino.

Senate President

Senate President Abbo- Talks about election rules and catching up. Talks about sending items for the agenda by tomorrow at 10 am. Talks about attendance for Senate Meetings.

Senator Rejas- Asks about incorrect attendance at the last meeting minutes.

Senator Gerwaski- States is clerical.

Senate President Abbo- States they are excused from the last meeting.

Closed: 8:02

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: 7:34 pm

Senator Hankins- motions to remove Consent Agenda Item 5A.

Senator Perez Martinez- seconds motion.

Senate President Abbo moves to a voiced vote.

With a vote of 20-0-0 Consent Agenda Item 5A has been removed.

~~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 Muñoz~~

B. Approval of Ways and Means Committee Appointments

Chair Curry requests time for the approval of the following CSUN Senators to join the Ways and Means Committee:

- Senator Muñoz

C. 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 Davis

D. Ways and Means Funding Request Approvals from Ways and Means Committee Meeting 55-09

Chair Curry requests time for the approval of the following funding requests from Ways and Means Committee 55-09. The following requests are attached in the supplemental materials:

- a. **Approval of Senate Bill 55-19 for a funding request of no more than \$7,023.00 submitted by UNLV PGA Golf Management Student Association, all costs must be encumbered from the CSUN FY24 Student Organization Line. Senate Bill 55-19 may be found in the CSUN Legislation Record.**
- b. **Approval of Funding for the 91.5 HD2 - The Beat Chair Curry requests time for the Discussion and Approval of Senate Bill 55-20 For a funding request of no more than \$7,000.00 submitted by 91.5 HD2 - The Beat, all costs must be encumbered from the CSUN FY24 Student Organization Line. Senate Bill 55-20 may be found in the CSUN Legislation Record.**

Senate President Abbo moves to a voiced vote.

With a vote of 20-0-0 the Consent Agenda 5B through 5D has been approved.

Closed: 7:35 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. Discussion And Approval of Senate Resolution 55-03 An Act to Support The Student Life Fee For Enhancements Of Student Experiences

Senator Ibarra-Lira requests time for the approval of Senate Resolution 55-03 as attached in the accompanying supplemental materials. Deliberation and amendments to the Resolution can occur under this agenda item.

Opened: 6:23 pm

Senator Ibarra Lira- Present Senate Resolution (SR) 55-03 An Act to Support the Student Life Fee for Enhancements of Student Experiences as found in the supplemental materials. Talks about support for the increase in Student Life Fee and collaboration with Senator Cameron and Senator Muñoz.

Senator Cameron- Presents support for increase in Student Life Fee and the resources provided from Student Life.

Senator Odunze is present at 6:25 pm.

Senator Muñoz- Presents support for increase in Student Life Fee and the resources provided for the Student Union.

Senator Ibarra Lira- Further explains the increase supported by SR 55-03 and the fee increase will be presented later.

Senator Thomas- States they are in favor of the resolution.

Senator Rejas- Agrees with Senator Thomas and states they are in favor of the resolution. Asks if there is a date for when the fee increase will have a definite number.

Senator Ibarra- States they will take it to the department.

Senator Rejas- Asks if the SR will have to be amended when the number comes in.

Senate President Abbo- States they do not have to have a definite number.

Senator Perez Martinez- States bill is repetitive and has unneeded content.

Senator Ibarra Lira- States they wanted to highlight the new Senators.

Senate President Abbo- States to add addendums to the SR.

Senator Gerwaski- Shows favor for the testimonials made. Asks why change of funding for students.

Senator Ibarra Lira- States they will give them contact.

Senator Rejas- States to direct question to Sunny Gittens.

Senator Gerwaski- Talks about money not coming from students.

Advisor Gittens- Clarifies that Aramark is working on food service renovations rather than the operations of the Student Union .

Senator Gerwaski- Refers to the Road Show presentation.

Advisor Gittens- States they are surveying students for what students need. States the operation of the Student Union is paid for by the Student Life Fee.

Senator Perez Martinez- Points out improvements to the Recreation Center not just the Student Union.

Senator Curry- Talks about concern for not knowing the exact number, however shows support for the SR.

Senator Hankins- Asks if Road Show presentation could be added to supplemental materials.

Senator Ordonio- Asks about any anecdotes given from constituents.

Senator Cameron- States they sent out a survey.

Senator Ordonio- Shows concern for vague language of SR.

Senator Perez Martinez- Asks if the number of fee increases is too high, will there have to be a change to the SR.

Senate President Abbo- States yes.

Senator Ibarra Lira- States support can be mixed in a SR.

Senator Perez Martinez- States they do not feel comfortable voting for SR without a definite number.

Senator Curry- Asks Advisor Gittens if they have a date for when a number of the fee increase would be presented.

Advisor Gittnes- States they do not have a date.

Senator Curry- Asks about a potential tabling of the SR.

Senator Muñoz- Talks in favor of tabling items to talk to constituents.

Senator Gerwaski- Talks in favor of getting specifics and a breakdown of the fee allocation.

Senator Rejas- Talks in favor of sending mass email and survey students.

Senator Thomas- Talks about reaching out to constituents and has heard complaints about the Student Union and Student Wellness Recreation Center.

Senator Tecklay- Shows in favor of tabling the agenda item.

Senator Rejas- Asks about the Town Hall meeting mentioned by Senator Thomas.

Senator Thomas- Tomorrow at 7 pm.

Senator Perez Martinez- motions to table Agenda Item 6A SR 55-03 An Act to Support The Student Life Fee For Enhancements Of Student Experience.

Senator Gerwaski- seconds motion.

Senate President Abbo moves to a roll call vote.

Senator Gerwaski- Y

Senator Morfinez-Solis- Y

Senator Vega- Y

SenatorIbarra Lira- Y

Senator Odunze- Y

Senator Ordonio-Y

Senator Rejas- Y

Senator Thomas- Y

Senator Tuitele- Y

Senator Hankins- Y

Senator Pennie- Y

Senator Perez Martinez- Y

Senator Tecklay- Y

Senator Davis- Y

Senator Rivera Gaytan- Y

Senator Southerland- Y

Senator Cameron- Y

Senator Curry- Y

Senator Muñoz- Y

SPPT Flores- Y

With a vote of 20-0-0 Agenda Item 6A SR 55-03 An Act to Support The Student Life Fee For Enhancements Of Student Experience has been tabled.

Closed: 7:02 pm

B. Work Session on CSUN Advocacy At The 83rd Nevada Legislative Session (INFORMATION ONLY)

Senator Ibarra-Lira requests time for the discussion of and regarding CSUN Advocacy at the 83rd Nevada Legislative Session. Proposed discussion may include possible CSUN involvement with the ongoing legislative session through resolutions, testimonies, and attendance at committee hearings. 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: 7:02 pm

Senator Ibarra Lira- Presents on the 83rd Nevada Legislative Session and educates CSUN on Nevada’s Legislature to be civically engaged.

Senator Morfinz-Solis takes a point of personal privilege at 7:08 pm.

Senator Rejas- Talks about bills to be considered from the Senate.

Senator Morfinez-Solis returns from a point of personal privilege at 7:19 pm.

Senator Thomas takes a point of personal privilege at 7:19 pm.

Senator Ibarra Lira- Continues to present on outreach to the Nevada Legislature. Open the floor.

Senator Odunze- Shows appreciation for the presentation and states CSUN should advocate more at a state level.

Senator Thomas returns from a point of personal privilege at 7:23 pm.

Senator Tuitele takes a point of personal privilege at 7:24 pm.

Senator Muñoz- Asks Senator Rejas about bills they listed.

Senator Ibarra Lira- Points out about public comment and showing support for bills.

Senator Curry- Points out starting a CSUN bill tracker.

Senator Rejas- Agrees with Senator Curry. Shows appreciation for the presentation and potentially drafting a document as a guide for public comment.

SPPT Flores- Shows appreciation towards Senator Ibarra Lira. Asks about opportunities for the Department of Civic and Legislative Affairs.

Vice President Daily- States Department of Civic and Legislative Affairs has been working throughout the whole Executive Session. Talks about reshaping the department in the future.

Senator Gerwaski takes a point of personal privilege at 7:28 pm.

Senator Odunze- Agrees with Senator Curry to start a bill tracker.

Senator Ibarra Lira- Talks about proclamation and the commitment of travelling from Las Vegas to Carson City to speak about bills.

Senator Rejas- Talks about Directors of UNR student government who are sent to the State Legislature.

Senator Gerwaski returns from a point of privilege at 7:31 pm.

Senator Tuitele returns from a point of personal privilege at 7:32 pm.

Senator Curry- States CSUN can advocate at the city/state level.

Senator Ibarra Lira- Talks about CSUN history in the State Legislature.

Senator Rejas- Talks about former CSUN Student Body Presidents.

Closed: 7:34 pm

ESTIMATED TIME: 20 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 Rylee Brooks as a Senator for the Lee Business School

Senate Abbo requests time for the presentation and approval of Rylee Brooks as a Senator for the Lee Business School. 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: 6:12 pm

Candidate Brooks- Presents speech for the position as a Senator for the Lee Business School.

Senator Thomas- Shows appreciation towards the candidate.

SPPT Flores- Shows favor towards Candidate Brooks. Asks Candidate Brooks how they would deal with time management as a Senator.

Candidate Brooks- States that CSUN would be their priority and that they are organized.

Senator Ibarra Lira- Asks the candidate how they should promote CSUN vacancies.

Candidate Brooks- Talks about increasing CSUN education and planning various events.

Senate President Abbo moves to a voiced vote.

With a vote of 19-0-0 Candidate Brooks has been approved as a Senator for the Lee Business School.

Senate President Abbo- States the candidate cannot be sworn in tonight.

Closed: 6:22 pm

ESTIMATED TIME: 15 minutes

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION ONLY

(See foregoing notation regarding public comment)

Opened: 8:02 pm

Silvana Debesay- Continues from previous public comment. Asks about supporting students

who are going through life crises at the College level. Provides email for Senators to reach out. Talks about interest in CSUN.

Pio Rejas- Shows appreciation for support for SB against gun violence. Shows appreciation towards Silbana Debesay.

Closed: 8:08 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: 8:08 pm

Senator Thomas- Promotes Town Hall Meeting tomorrow at 7pm.

Senator Ibarra Lira- Promotes College of Liberal Arts and Hospitality Mixer and encourages to talk to College Deans.

Senator Perez Martinez- Talks about bringing back Senator of the Week.

Senator Odunze- Shout outs Honors Rebellion.

Senator Curry- Talks about Honors Rebellion 10 year anniversary.

Closed: 8:13 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: 8:13 pm

Senate President Abbo- Promotes voting in the Executive Election.

Closed: 8:14 pm

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 minutes

11. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm.