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CONSOLIDATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS

55th Legislative Session

SENATE BILL 55-129

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CSUN BYLAW CHAPTER 1101

Bill Number: SB 55-129

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Sponsor of Legislation: Internal Affairs Committee

WHEREAS, the Consolidated Students of the University of Nevada Las Vegas (CSUN) represents all 27,000+ undergraduate students enrolled at the University of Nevada Las Vegas; and

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Consolidated Students of the University of Nevada Las Vegas, under the authority of CSUN Constitution VI.D.01, is “empowered to enact any legislation that falls under the jurisdiction of CSUN”; **AND**

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of CSUN to keep the bylaws updated to reflect the current operations of the organization: **AND**

WHEREAS, Chapter 1101 of the CSUN bylaws outlines the purpose and scope of practice of the Internal Affairs Committee

WHEREAS, currently the bylaws pertaining to the Internal Affairs Committee’s scope of practice are too vague in regards to the powers and authority of the committee and do not reflect the previous way that the committee has operated; **AND**

WHEREAS, limiting the Internal Affairs Committee power to review and pass amendments to the bylaws focused on “inconsistencies, clerical issues, formatting, outdated terms, wording, and procedures no longer applicable or existing” to the first half of the session, leaves CSUN open to being unable to resolve flaws when they are discovered; **AND**

WHEREAS, leaving these flaws unresolved due to time constraints is not a practice befitting the important work that CSUN does to benefit students at UNLV; **AND**

WHEREAS, the Internal Affairs Committee should also have the authority to revise bylaws pertaining to other CSUN committees or the e-board as long as these revisions “do not alter the intended purpose of the CSUN entities,” outside of an audit **AND**;

WHEREAS, these revisions are detailed in Addendum A, which sets forth the updated language; **AND**

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED, that Chapters 1101 of the CSUN Bylaws shall be amended in accordance with the provisions contained in Addendum A, thereby clarifying the Internal Affairs scope of practice and ensuring the bylaws reflect the ways that the committee has previously operated.

ADDENDUM A

CHAPTER 1101: INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

SECTION 01: PURPOSE

A. The CSUN Internal Affairs Committee exists to create a sustainable CSUN Government environment through investigation, facilitation of discussions, audits, evaluations, and recommendations along with overseeing changes or amendments to the CSUN Constitution, Bylaws, and other similar CSUN documents.

SECTION 02: SCOPE OF PRACTICE

A. Conduct ~~a yearly audit~~ *at least one audit* of the CSUN Bylaws ~~along with review and advisement of Operating Policies of all committees along with reviewing and advising all committees regarding changes to their Operating Policies, within the first half of the~~ *during each* session.

- a. Review CSUN Bylaws and Operating Policies for inconsistencies, clerical issues, formatting, outdated terms, wording, and procedures no longer applicable or existing.
- b. Advise committee chairs regarding possible changes as listed in the previous subsection.

B. Amend the CSUN Bylaws when presented with bills focused on resolving inconsistencies, clerical errors, formatting, outdated terms, wording, and procedures that are no longer applicable or existing as long as they do not alter the intended purpose of the intended entities.

B. Decide to enact or reject proposals for amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws, or proposals for new Bylaws.

C. Establish any necessary subcommittees.

D. Meet with all CSUN officials on an as needed basis to discuss regular activities being planned throughout any branch of CSUN.

a. Act as the Audit Committee of CSUN by reviewing, questioning, or requiring any updates from CSUN officials and their respective branch of government.

b. Meet to discuss any business, updates, or concerns pertaining to the other Legislative Standing Committees and act as a liaison between these committees.

E. Request information regarding any governmental nomination within CSUN. The committee may also recommend approval upon interview of any candidate looking to advance into a position within CSUN.

a. When the Senate President experiences an influx of vacancy candidates, the Senate President may refer candidates to Internal Affairs for review and recommendation(s).

b. Through a conduction of interviews, Internal Affairs will select candidates that will receive non-binding recommendations that will then be forwarded to the Senate.

c. These recommendations are the expression of the Internal Affairs Committee and its members that the selected candidates are highly qualified for the vacancy.

d. These recommendations do not bar candidates who did not receive a recommendation from appearing before the Senate and are still able to present themselves for the vacancy without the recommendation of the Internal Affairs Committee.

e. Prospective candidates are not required to attend any meetings put forward by Internal Affairs unless directed to by the Senate.

F. Authorize the audit of any entity regarding the use of CSUN funds.

G. Have jurisdiction to create Internal Directives towards any member of CSUN and forward them to the Senate for approval, following investigations for:

a. Impeachment and general misconduct of any official within CSUN.

b. Code of Conduct violations.

c. Any complaint or referral submitted to CSUN.

H. The Committee Chair may also issue, with a majority vote of the Committee:

a. A subpoena and testification to any member of CSUN (a writ ordering to attend a specified meeting in order to testify) or;

b. A subpoena duces tecum (writ ordering a person to bring forth a specified production of evidence/documents) so long that they are approved with a majority vote of the Committee.

SB 55-129 ADOPTED by the Senate on this ____ Day of ____, 20__

Sharon Flores, Senate President

Liana Wieand, Senate Secretary

SB 55-129, APPROVED on this __ Day of __, 20__ by

Kelechi Odunze, Student Body President