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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

UNIVERSITY INITIATIVES COMMITTEE MEETING 56-03

*DATE AND TIME: February 5th, 2026 at
5:30pm*

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

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CHAIR CHARLETTE CAMERON OF THE UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE

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AGENDA **Call to Order and Roll Call**

No. of Committee Members: **12**

Quorum: 7

Chair: Cameron- *Present*

Vice Chair: Navarro-Mendoza- *Present*

Member: Beals- *Present*

Member: Briones- *Present*

Member: Goodman- *Excused*

Member: Gutierrez- *Present*

Member: Hankins- *Present*

Member: King- *Unexcused*

Member: Mohen- *Unexcused, Present at 5:33PM*

Member: Morfinez-Solis- *Present*

Member: Oliver- *Present*

Member: Phui- *Present*

Member: Taylor- *Excused until 5:40, Present 5:44PM*

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

At 5:30 p.m., with 8 Senators present, quorum is met.

Closed: 5:31 p.m.

- 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: 5:32 p.m.

Closed: 5:32 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION ONLY

(See foregoing notation regarding public comment)

Opened: 5:32 p.m.

No public comment was made

Closed: 5:33 p.m.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Request is made for approval of minutes of previous meetings

Minutes for meeting 56-02, as posted to the public www.unlv.edu/csun/meeting-information

Opened: 5:33 p.m.

Senator Mohen is present at 5:33 p.m. 9 Senators are present

With 9-0-0, the minutes are approved.

Closed: 5:34 p.m.

4. REPORTS

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Advisor's Report (Information Only)

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

Opened: 7:23 p.m.

Advisor Hare- Provides clarification on one-time funding & recurring sponsorships. Thanks the committee for their work.

Closed: 7:23 p.m.

B. 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: 7:19 p.m.

Chair Cameron- Shares their report, states they are excited to see the committee's work. Thanks senators for attending CSUN Preschool Tour. Updates on tours and next committee meeting.

Closed: 7:21 p.m.

C. 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: 7:21 p.m.

Vice Chair Navarro Mendoza- Reminds committee members to ensure that they schedule their individual 1-on-1 with her and/or Chair Cameron.

Closed: 7:22 p.m.

5. 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.

6. New Business for Future Meetings

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Items for consideration at future meetings may be suggested under this agenda 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).

**A. Presentation of the University Initiatives (UI) Committee Handbook
(INFORMATION ONLY)**

Chair Cameron requests time for the presentation of the history of the University Initiatives (UI) Committee. This presentation is for information only and no deliberation will take place under this item.

Opened: 5:34 p.m.

Roberts Rules of Order are suspended

Chair Cameron shares the History of the UI Committee as found in the supplemental materials to the committee members; asks what the committee means to them

Senator Briones shares their definition of the committee

Senator Mohen shares their definition of the committee

Senator Beals shares their definition of the committee

Vice Chair Navarro Mendoza shares their definition of the committee

Chair Cameron continues to present the history of the committee

Vice Chair Navarro Mendoza shares CSUN University Initiatives Committee Handbook as found in Supplemental Materials

Closed: 5:42 p.m.

B. Discussion and Approval of Senate Bill 56-17: AN ACT TO CREATE A ONE-TIME SPONSORSHIP FOR REBELFORGE

Chair Cameron requests time for the discussion and approval of Senate Bill 56-17 as attached in the accompanying supplemental materials. Deliberation and amendments to

the bill can occur under this agenda item.

Opened: 6:49 p.m.

Chair Cameron- Gives the floor to Senator Hankins.

Senator Hankins- Introduces the presenters Renee Zhang & Maya Sorkhabi

Renee- Introduces themselves as the Project Coordinator and presents the RebelForge presentation found in the Supplemental Materials

Maya- Introduces themselves as an advisor in the RebelForge program, explains their role in the program and how the grant works.

Senator Hankins- Shares the bill came from President Odunze, explains the wording of funding in the bill, and shares their support.

Senator Beals- Thanks the presenters, asks what the criteria & definition of a business is to them

Renee- Shares that there is no set criteria, that is assessed through their initial meeting.

Senator Taylor- Thanks the presenters, shares concerns of high-costs regarding starting up a business, and asks if students have a cap on funding usage.

Renee- Shares that the max amount is \$1,000, states that the LLC cost is the most common usage and that comes out to \$425 with around \$600 left to use for other costs.

Senator Morfinez Solis- Asks if the RebelForge application is open currently.

Renee- Confirms it is open to apply as a client but the grant process is more commitment.

Senator Morfinez Solis- Clarifies if the funding left after the LLC can be used to whatever the student needs.

Renee- States that LLC isn't required but most commonly requested. Shares that the funds can be used for anything business related, approved by their department.

Senator Beals- Asks if the presenters can share the google form students use to apply for

the grant.

Renee- Shares screen of the google form requested, goes into detail what the form entails.

Senator Taylor- Asks if they require students to have experience or a business plan with projections.

Renee- States they need no prior experience, just reasoning why, and the advisors help with creating/developing business plans with the students.

Maya- States they don't recommended student to submit an application without a business plan even though it isn't required.

Senator Mohen- Asks if they are familiar with the Rebel Startup RSO on campus and how they differ from that organization.

Renee- States they haven't heard of the RSO, is interested in collaborating with them in the future. Mentions the grant funding and business advisors that work with their students in the program.

Senator Gutierrez- Asks if they support students with their business after graduation.

Renee- States they only with UNLV students but provides a direct pathway to the Nevada SBDC so students have a smooth transition.

Senator Phui- Asks how many applicants received the grants last fall semester.

Renee- States about 2-4, and this is the typical range of the semester.

Senator Morfinez Solis- Asks if students are allowed to reapply after being denied

Renee- States students can reapply as much as they'd like, states once a student does receive a grant they are not able to reapply.

Chair Cameron- Asks for clarification on how many applicants who received the grant the previous fall semester.

Maya- States they only had one student receive the grant in the fall.

Chair Cameron- Asks if that number is different from the number of applications to the grant.

Maya- States they are unsure on how many people applied.

Senator Hankins- States that they believe the number of applicants is upwards of 50 applicants but 2-6 students only get that funding. Shares that the \$6,000 should last them a year or two and encourages the committee members to market the program.

Senator Morfinez Solis- Asks if the sponsorships have to return money at the end of the fiscal year.

Advisor Hare- States that the sponsorship money is reallocated and determined by how much the sponsorship used that year.

Senator Morfinez Solis- Asks the presenters if they believe they are able to get the 6 applicants by June.

Maya- States they are confident they are able to.

Senator Morfinez Solis- Clarifies that they are in support of the bill but is concerned about the number of applicants. Asks about a student who went through the program and didn't get a follow-up with it.

Maya- States their senior advisor had previously graduated and they are slowly going through his clients. Provides a contact to follow up with.

Chair Cameron moves to a roll call vote to approve SB 56-17.

Vice Chair Navarro Mendoza- Y

Senator Beals- Y

Senator Briones- Y

Senator Gutierrez- Y

Senator Hankins- Y

Senator Mohen- N

Senator Morfinez Solis- Y

Senator Oliver- Y

Senator Phui- Y

Senator Taylor- Y

With a vote of 9-1-0 SB 55-17 has passed.

Closed: 7:19 p.m.

**C. [Work Session]: Committee Sponsorship and Liaison Presentation
(INFORMATION ONLY)**

Chair Cameron requests time to discuss the structure and implementation of committee sponsorships and delegate liaison roles. Robert's Rules of Orders will be suspended during this worksession.

Opened: 5:42 p.m.

Roberts Rules of Order are suspended

Chair Cameron- presents Sponsorship & Liaison presentation as found in the

Supplemental Materials, shares the general tasks of liaison for each sponsorship.

Senator Taylor is present at 5:41 p.m. 10 Senators are present.

Senator Mohen- Asks about the Thinkability Grant focus, mentions different focuses in handbook and presentation.

Vice Chair Navarro Mendoza- clarifies wording, explains what they discussed in their meeting with Thinkability, states the collaborative work Thinkability does with campus partners.

Chair Cameron- Shares the Sponsorship Selection form to the committee members.

Senator Gutierrez goes on a point of personal privilege at 6:04PM. 9 Senators are present.

Senator Mohen- Asks if they should select two alternative sponsorships as well.

Chair Cameron- states yes

Senator Briones takes a point of personal privilege at 6:11 p.m. 8 Senators are present.

Senator Briones returns from a point of personal privilege at 6:12 p.m. 9 senators are present.

Senator Gutierrez returns from a point of personal privilege at 6:12 p.m. 10 Senators are present.

Senator Mohen- Asks if the amounts allocated for the sponsorships are set in stone.

Chair Cameron- States the amount in the bylaws is set for every fiscal year though they are amenable.

Chair Cameron- Shares the committee members' selection of two sponsorships to be a liaison for, sending an email template to reach out.

Senator Taylor- Requests to switch sponsorship.

Chair Cameron- Allows the switch and clarifies to committee members that they are not allowed to switch after the meeting to stay consistent with communication.

Senator Phui goes on a point of personal privilege at 6:18PM. 9 Senators are present.

Vice Chair Navarro Mendoza- Shares excitement of starting sponsorship & liaison work with the committee.

Senator Phui returns from a point of personal privilege at 6:22PM. 10 Senators are present.

Advisor Hare- Reminds committee members to stay professional and respond in a timely manner.

Closed: 6:22 p.m.

Chair Cameron requests time for the discussion of potential marketing materials, dates, and times for the current CSUN sponsorships. Robert's Rules of Orders will be suspended during this worksession.

Opened: 6:22 p.m.

Roberts Rules of Order are suspended

Chair Cameron- asks the committee to brainstorm marketing campaigns for their sponsorship and/or the committee overall.

Senator Mohen- Shares that they believe the lack of engagement comes from stigma around the resources.

Chair Cameron- Asks how CSUN can help reduce the stigma.

Senator Mohen- Mentions previous movements from other colleges like the Ice Bucket challenge, states they aren't suggesting bringing back the challenge but having a method of people talking about mental health without directly mentioning it.

Chair Cameron- shows favor of the idea, opens the floor to the committee

Senator Oliver- shares doing a Student Spotlight Series with students testimonials on how the sponsorship helped them.

Chair Cameron- shows favor of the idea, expands on it to monthly or seasonal sponsorship highlights. States the sponsorships all have different marketing needs.

Senator Briones- states a master resource information presentation to the student body regarding S&G, Ways & Means, and UI resources.

Chair Cameron- asks if Chairs or Departments to do the presentation.

Senator Briones- asks the Chair what they think

Chair Cameron- states both can be good, shares different plans for different timelines.

Senator Mohen - States having sponsorship announcements during REB events, having the DJ announce a resource or department.

Senator Gutierrez - States having the sponsors table or volunteering at REB events.

Chair Cameron- Shows favor of the idea, opens the floor to the REB members in the committee.

Vice Chair Navarro Mendoza- States that REB would love to have departments tabling at their bigger events, shares that they can share any information to the DJ to announce.

Mentions the sponsorships that may need a safer approach to marketing.

Senator Beals- Shares a sponsorship matching quiz, for students to fill out and get matched with a sponsorship that best fit their needs based off their responses.

Senator Briones goes on a point of personal privilege at 6:34 p.m.

Chair Cameron- Shows favor of idea, states they are not sure what platform to use but will look into it.

Senator Mohen- Shows favor of the idea, states that students can join a newsletter afterwards to stay updated on the sponsorship.

Chair Cameron- Shows favor of the newsletter but states that departments may not have existing one so a link to their website may be more helpful. Shares liaison task of creating a newsletter spread for their sponsorships.

Senator Taylor- Shares that meeting with the sponsorship about marketing ideas will be helpful to tailoring the marketing efforts

Chair Cameron- States that in the meetings held over break there was brief mention of marketing efforts in the discussion and those notes will be shared with the committee members.

Senator Briones returns from a point of personal privilege at 6:40 p.m.

Senator Mohen- Shares a UI Sponsorship Trivia Night idea

Chair Cameron- Asks if the Resource Fair would be a good time for the event

Senator Mohen- Agrees with the idea

Senator Gutierrez- Asks if the sponsorships have logos tied to them.

Chair Cameron- Shares that some do and some don't, some of them are combined with other departments.

Senator Phui- Shares that the newsletters and emails that CSUN send don't get much engagement, states they want to use more relevant marketing.

Senator Hankins- shares that they agree with the lack of engagement in the CSUN newsletters, pushes for faculty, advisor, and professors outreach.

Vice Chair Navarro Mendoza- Shares that the UI Sponsorship Pamphlet have been distributed to the Hospitality Career Center and Advising Office, encourages senators to keep pamphlets in their backpacks to pass out to professors, constituents, or faculty.

Senator Hankins- shares an example of sharing a resource to her faculty and getting more engagement on a resource, states RSO's are a great resource too, both in-college and multicultural orgs.

Chair Cameron- Shows support for reaching out to different external sources. States to communicate with individual sponsorships to determine marketing needs.

Closed: 6:48 p.m.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION ONLY

Opened: 7:24 p.m.

Zara Hankins- Thanks committee for the passage of SB 56-17 , thanks everyone for going to the CSUN Preschool tour, encourages senators to be involved with their sponsorship.

Closed: 7:26 p.m.

8. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.