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University of Nevada, Las Vegas

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

**WAYS AND MEANS
COMMITTEE MEETING**

55-03

DATE AND TIME: FEBRUARY 17th at 6:00 pm

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

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CHAIR CURRY

OF THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

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AGENDA

Call to Order and Roll Call

No. of Committee Members: **11**

Quorum: **6**

Chair: Curry *Present*

Vice Chair: Prieto *Present*

Member: Coss *Present*

Member: Brooks *Present*

Member: Maldonado *Present*

Member: Mohen *Present*

Member: Le *Present*

Member: Beals *Present*

Member: Ferrias *Present*

Member: Yelvington *Present*

Member: Morfinez-Solis *Present*

Member: Gutierrez *Present*

Member: Shelton-Lott *Unexcused*

Member:

Meeting Called to order at 6:03PM

Roll Call opened at 6:04PM

Roll Call Closed at 6:04PM

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.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT INFORMATION ONLY (*See foregoing notation regarding public comment*)

Opened at 6:05PM

No Public Comment in Person or Online

Closed at 6:05PM

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 at 6:06PM

Vote is called for at 6:06PM

Vote passes 10-0-0

Closed at 6:06PM

4. REPORTS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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 at 6:07PM

Chair Curry shares a presentation explaining the Interest Barring Account (IBA) account.

Closed at 6:11PM

Reopened at 7:44PM

Chair Curry thanks committee members for meeting and taking time out of day.

Closed at 7:45PM

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 at 7:45PM

Vice Chair Prieto states supports for senators writing new bills, states do not feel scared writing the bills

Closed at 7:46PM

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. 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.*

A. Discussion and Approval of Funding for Senate Bill 56-01,

Chair Curry requests time for the discussion and approval of 56-01. All costs must be encumbered from the CSUN Interest-Bearing Account Budget Line. Senate Bill 56-01 may be found in the CSUN Legislation Record. The request may be subject to amendment at the discretion of the committee

Opened at 6:11PM

SPPT Ibarra Lira elaborates that the bill would approve emergency funding for the Food Pantry.

SPPT Ibarra Lira explains that current food pantry needs are increasing due to government changes to SNAP benefits.

Senator Coss Motions to amend bill 56-01 to include updated presentation in the addendum.

Seconded by Vice Chair Prieto

Vote passes 10-0-0

Carmen from UNLV Food Pantry gives a presentation about what the food pantry does and the data from FY 2025 and the need for more funds.

Senator Mohen asks why is it IBA Bill not going thru UI Sponsorship

SPPT Ibarra Lira states this is emergency measures and the main reason was to react to snap cuts.

Chair Curry asks how much is left

Senator Brooks asks how far will the 25,000 go in terms of food purchases.

Carmen states money should last thru summer.

Senator Moehn states that there is 19,804 in UI one time sponsorship.

Senator Brooks shows support in the bill, however states this should be a more

permanent increase and states should go through UI for permanent Increase.

Chair Curry asks food pantry if they know anything about the current status of SNAP benefits.

Carmen states that the pantry does not know anything about the future of snap benefits

Senator Mohen states support for permanent increase thru UI

SPPT is not to sure if it would make a huge difference if money from UI

Senator Brooks supports that this should be a top priority in CSUN

Senator Coss asks if it is possible to pull from one time sponsorships and recurring sponsorships.

Chair Curry states it is possible but changes to bylaws are needed

Senator Mohen states it would be around a 2 week process.

Senator Morphenis Solis a

Chair Curry states around 620,000 dollars

Senator Brooks states that this should be a permanent solution and IBA funding can not do that. Supports funding now but also adding more for them in the future thru UI.

Senator Coss asks SPPT if willing to write another bill to send to UI.

SPPT states yes would be willing

Senator Mor states supports the bill.

Senator Beals states supports bill

*Senator Coss Motions to amend bill to state “ WHEREAS, after being seen by the Ways and Means Committee, has been approved for an amount not to exceed **\$10,000**”*

Seconded by Senator Mohen

Senator Brooks states the food pantry should get a full amount. Asks how fund distributions work.

Chair Curry states funding distribution is up to bylaws and how it is written in the IBA bill.

Senator Brooks asks if UI has money to cover the rest of the bill

Senator Beals asks why the change of the dollar amount

Senator Coss states in hopes money can also come out of other budget lines.

Senator Brooks asks how does 15,000 sounds

Senator Coss agrees with 15,000

Senator Mohen rescinds second

Senator Coss rescinds amendment

Senator Coss Motions to amend bill to read “WHEREAS, after being seen by the Ways and Means Committee, has been approved for an amount not to exceed \$15,000”

Seconded by Vice Chair Prieto

Vote is called for

Vote passes 10-0-0

Bill has been amended

Vote is called for approval

Vote passes 10-0-0

Bill is passed

Closed at 6:42PM

B. Discussion and Approval of Funding for Senate Bill 56-02,

Chair Curry requests time for the discussion and approval of 56-02. All costs must be encumbered from the CSUN Interest-Bearing Account Budget Line. Senate Bill 56-02 may be found in the CSUN Legislation Record. The request may be subject to amendment at the discretion of the committee

Opened at 6:43PM

SPPT Ibarra Lira shares that the bill is used to fund upgrade projects to the WRI 3rd floor outdoor area. \$100,000 states that external source will fund other \$100,000 and match CSUN's \$100,000

Senator Beals agrees that space could use remodeling but asks

SPPT Ibbara Lira states that project manager says furniture can last 5-10 years

Senator Beals, how would you ensure furniture is kept nice.

SPPT Ibbara Lira states that UPD would be willing to patrol area to keep it clean and safe.

Senator Guteriez states has Bio class in C Building

Senator Coss also states WRI is in middle of campus which is convenient

Chair Curry asks if there will power banks to charge devices up there or fans for the heat relief in the fall.

SPPT Ibbara Lira says currently no design for power banks but can be added in future IBA bills

Chair Curry asks if this is the final design of project

SPPT says he believes yes

Chair Curry asks whats the point of this if no access to power as modern students require that. Feels that there is a good chance students will not be up there due to lack of electricity. States concerns that it will be very hot due to materials.

SPPT states it is not complicated to add a few outlets, states that primary concern was to make cost effective measures that is why it is metal.

Senator Morfinez-Solis states that running power thru all that would be expensive and take a lot of time.

Senator Mohen adds that it would be unsafe to run a lot of extension cords and would require a complete rebuild.

Chair Curry asks if this would be easier to send back to design lab to include electric outlets

Senator Morfinez-Solis agrees that it would be easier to send it back to add it into designs.

Senator Brooks states we are not also talking about weather factors

SPPT Ibbara Lira states that we can talk to electrical engineers should they find solutions to add power outlets.

Senator Mohen asks why completely redo space, not just add to the current area there.

SPPT states that there are currently 4 tables up there without umbrellas.

Senator Mohen states why would we spend money on a space that is under utilized.

SPPT states that space is too be used in future.

Senator Morfinez-Solis states there are a lot of concerns with this bill.

Senator Brooks point of personal privilege

SPPT states this is the cheaper option so thats why designs are this way.

Vote is called for at 7:05PM

Vote does not passed at 1-8-0

Closed at 7:08PM

Senator Brooks returns from personal privilege.

C. Discussion and Approval of Senate Bill 56-21 AN ACT TO AMEND SENATE BILL 55-100

Chair Curry requests time for the discussion and amendment of Senate Bill 55-100, titled An Act to Appropriate Funds for AI and Data Science Club to propose a reallocation of a previously approved budget for the AI and Data Science Club with no additional costs to be incurred. This discussion will focus on addressing current organizational needs while adhering to the Ways and Means Operating Policy, and relevant documentation, including Senate Bill 55-100 and the proposed Senate Bill 56-21, can be found in the supplemental drive. Amendments to the proposal may be introduced and debated during the meeting at the committee's discretion.

Opened at 7:09PM

As the RSO is absent Chair Curry presents the update budget

Chair Curry explains that the RSO wants to move the money from the AI credits to creating their own computer catering.

Senator Coss explains that she was originally against the AI credits and also points out that the math is incorrect

Vice Chair Prieto asks about reallocations of catering for Panda

Chair Curry corrects the function on the budget and facetimes the RSO leader. Chair Curry explains the updates made to the budget

RSO President explains the environmental issues of using cloud computer credits and explains how building their own computer will allow them to have a permanent access to their own AI models.

Chair Curry tells the RSO President what changes have been made so far.

RSO Leader

Senator Morfinez-Solis asks if we are able to give them more money?

Senator Morfinez-Solis asks if it is easier to get a list together on PC part Picker.

Chair Curry asks RSO to specify on needs to PC Cluster currently too vague

Senator Coss Motions for 15 minute Recess

Vice Chair Prieto Seconds

Vote passes 10-0-0

Meeting called back to order at 7:38PM

Roll call is re administered

All Prior senators are present (10 Senators)

Reopened at 7:38PM

RSO states that budgets are attached to the line item now for viewing

Senator Coss motions to amend bill addendum A to include new budget

Seconded by Vice Chair Prieto

Vote passes 10-0-0

Senator Coss reminds chair that catering needs to be halved per operating policy

Senator Brooks states old budget amount

Chair Curry states more money to catering Budgeting can be added to match closest to old budget amount.

RSO Leader agrees to more money

Vote is called at 7:43 PM

Vote passes 10-0-0

Closed at 7:44PM

7. New Business for Future Meetings (Information Only)

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).

8. PUBLIC COMMENT INFORMATION ONLY

Opened at 7:48PM

NO Public Comments in person or online

Closed at 7:48PM

9. ADJOURN

Meeting Adjourned at 7:49PM