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University of Nevada, Las Vegas

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS
COMMITTEE MEETING
55-17

*DATE AND TIME: August 20th, 2025 at 4
p.m.*

Student Union - CSUN Senate Chambers 313R
University of Nevada, Las Vegas

4505 S. Maryland Parkway

Las Vegas, Nevada 89154

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***CHAIR PEREZ MARTINEZ
OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS
COMMITTEE***

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AGENDA

Call to Order and Roll Call - opened at 4:00 pm

No. of Committee Members: **8**

Quorum: **4** - *Quorum is met with 6 members present*

Chair: Senator Perez Martinez - *Present*

Vice Chair: Senator Davis - *Present at 4:02 pm*

Member: Senator Briones - *Present*

Member: Senator Cameron - *Present*

Member: Senator Coss - *Present*

Member: Senator Melgoza - *Present*

Member: Senator Montoya - *No longer a member of the committee*

Member: Senator Yelvington - *Present*

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.

Land Acknowledgment opened at 4:01 pm

Land Acknowledgment closed at 4:02 pm

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION ONLY

(See foregoing notation regarding public comment)

Public Comment opened at 4:02 pm

No Public Comments were made at this time

Public Comment closed at 4:04 pm

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Request is made for approval of minutes of previous meetings

Minutes for meeting 55-16, as posted to the public <https://www.unlv.edu/csun/agendas>

Approval of Minutes opened at 4:04 pm

There are no discrepancies at this time

Chair Perez Martinez led a voice vote for the approval of the 55-16 minutes

With a voice vote of 5-0-0, the minutes were approved

Approval of Minutes closed at 4:04 pm

4. ADVISOR REPORT

INFORMATION ONLY

Chair Perez Martinez requests time for the Advisor(s) of the Scholarship and Grant committee to provide any advice and/or information about the committee, meetings, updates, or operational items.

Advisor Reports opened at 4:58 pm

Advisor Palacios let the committee know that she appreciates the changes to the scholarships and to reach out to the departments of these scholarships to collaborate on ways to market.

Advisor Reports closed at 5:02 pm

5. CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR REPORTS

INFORMATION ONLY

Chair Perez Martinez requests time for the Chair and Vice Chair's reports regarding any information on the committee, meetings, updates, or operational items.

Chair and Vice Chair Reports opened at 5:02 pm

Chair Perez Martinez thanked the committee for the suggestions made by the committee. Chair Perez asked the committee what time they wanted to meet during the semester so starting next week the committee would be meeting at 4:30 pm instead of 6 pm. She also encouraged the committee to keep on brainstorming any new scholarships and to think about marketing ideas.

Vice Chair Davis did not have a report

Chair and Vice Chair Reports closed at 5:07 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.

6.a Discussion and Approval of SB 55-40: An Act to Amend CSUN Bylaws Chapter 811: Research Continuation Scholarship

Chair Perez Martinez requests time for discussion regarding Senate Bill 55-40 , An Act to Amend CSUN Bylaws Chapter 811: Research Continuation Scholarship. Senate Bill 55-40 will make changes to the Research Continuation Scholarship. Senate Bill 55-40 may be found in the CSUN Legislation Record. The request may be subject to amendment at the discretion of the committee.

New Business 6a opened at 4:04 pm

Presented by Chair Perez Martinez

Terri spoke on behalf of the scholarship and gave thanks to the CSUN's collaboration and let the committee know she is looking forward to any forward collaborations

Senator Briones thanked Terri for coming out.

Advisor Palacios let Terri know that the scholarship still has one year left of funding for applicants to receive this scholarship before FY26-27

Senator Briones let the committee know that this scholarship is taking funds away from other scholarships that could be created/expanded.

Vice Chair Davis let the committee know she said no because the scholarship is still important and undermarketed.

Senator Cameron let the committee know she voted no because the scholarship has already been reduced and there was little to no improvement in the scholarships applicants.

Chair Perez Martinez let the committee know that the scholarship only received 3 applicants which left 2,000 dollars unallocated and unused.

Senator Melgoza let the committee know she would be voting yes on this bill because the money could be used towards another research scholarship or another scholarship in general.

Chair Perez Martinez led a roll call vote for the approval of 55-40

Vice Chair: Senator Davis - no

Member: Senator Briones - yes

Member: Senator Cameron - yes

Member: Senator Coss - yes

Member: Senator Melgoza - yes

Member: Senator Yelvington - yes

With a vote of 5-1-0, the senate bill has been approved

New Business 6a closed at 4:35 pm

6.b Discussion and Approval of SB 55-41: An Act to Amend CSUN Bylaws Chapter 812: LGBTQIA Empowerment and Advocacy Scholarship

Chair Perez Martinez requests time for discussion regarding Senate Bill 55-41 , An Act to Amend CSUN Bylaws Chapter 811: LGBTQIA Empowerment and Advocacy Scholarship. Senate Bill 55-41 will make changes to the LGBTQIA Empowerment and Advocacy Scholarship. Senate Bill 55-41 may be found in the CSUN Legislation Record. The request may be subject to amendment at the discretion of the committee.

New Business 6b opened at 4:04 pm

Presented by Chair Perez Martinez

Reyes Luna spoke on behalf of the scholarship and it's importance to the community on the UNLV campus. It would be difficult for some students to reach out and apply for this scholarship due to the stigma around this community on UNLV's campus

Dionna McDonald echoed what Reyes Luna said. She asked that the committee would consider giving the scholarship more opportunity.

Senator Cameron thanked the presenters and let the committee know that she would be voting no on this agenda item due to the fact that they are identity based scholarships which makes it important to keep them.

Student Body President Kelechi Odunze echoed the concerns of the other members who do not feel comfortable with voting to get rid of this scholarship. He urged the committee to reconsider this decision and take into account the students who identify with this community.

Senator Briones thanked the presenters for their time. He stressed the importance of this scholarship and focusing in on marketing

Senator Coss let the committee know that removing the scholarship may reflect badly on CSUN.

Chair Perez Martinez led a voice vote for the approval of 55-41

With a vote of 0-6-0, the senate bill has been denied

New Business 6b closed at 4:18 pm

6.c Discussion and Approval of SB 55-42: An Act to Amend CSUN Bylaws Chapter 815: Apime Community and Advocacy Scholarship

Chair Perez Martinez requests time for discussion regarding Senate Bill 55-42 , An act to amend CSUN Bylaws Chapter 815: Apime Community and Advocacy Scholarship. Senate Bill 55-42 will make changes to the Apime Community and Advocacy Scholarship. Senate Bill 55-42 may be found in the CSUN Legislation Record. The request may be subject to amendment at the discretion of the committee.

New Business 6c will not be opened due to a clerical error

6.d Discussion and Approval of SB 55-32: An Act to Amend CSUN Bylaws Chapter 801, Section 03: Scholarship Application Period

Chair Perez Martinez requests time for discussion regarding Senate Bill 55-32 , an act to amend CSUN Bylaws Chapter 801, Section 03: Scholarship Application Period. Senate Bill 55-32 will make changes to Chapter 801, Section 03 by establishing a set date for the CSUN Scholarships to follow. Senate Bill 55-32 may be found in the CSUN Legislation Record. The request may be subject to amendment at the discretion of the committee.

New Business 6d opened at 4:35 pm

Presented by Senator Cameron

Senator Briones agreed with the bill and its purpose. He emphasized that this will help to market the scholarships better and it will help to provide structure to the scholarships and the CSUN website.

Chair Perez Martinez inquired about the specific times of the scholarship.

Advisor Palacios let the committee know that the departments chosen dates aligned with the chosen dates made by Senator Cameron

Chair Perez Martinez led a voice vote for Senate Bill 55-32

With a vote of 6-0-0, the agenda item was approved

New Business 6d closed at 4:47 pm

6.e Discussion and Approval of SB 55-43: An Act to Amend CSUN Bylaws Chapter 801, Section 05: Scholarship Awards

Chair Perez Martinez requests time for discussion regarding Senate Bill 55-43 , an act to amend CSUN Bylaws Chapter 801, Section 05: Scholarship Awards. Senate Bill 55-43 will make changes to Chapter 801, Section 05 by establishing a limitation on the number of CSUN Scholarships that a recipient can receive per academic year. Senate Bill 55-43 may be found in the CSUN Legislation Record. The request may be subject to amendment at the discretion of the committee.

New Business 6e opened at 4:47 pm

Presented by Chair Perez Martinez

Senator Briones agreed with the bill, it gives students the opportunity to apply and receive the scholarships as well.

Vice Chair Davis stated that she would like to raise the cap number from two to four because there were a lot of instances where students received multiple scholarships because they were the only ones meeting the criteria.

Chair Perez Martinez let Vice Chair Davis know that Advisor Palacios is the one who reviews the recipients and their requirements.

Advisor Palacios let the committee know that the departments have a list of recipients and alternates in case of anything.

Chair Perez Martinez led a voice vote for the approval of Senate Bill 55-43

With a voice vote of 6-0-0, the agenda item was approved

New Business 6e closed at 4:57 pm

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION ONLY

Public Comment opened at 5:07 pm

No Public Comments were made at this time

Public Comment closed at 5:08 pm

8. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 5:08 pm