



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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

**SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
56-05**

DATE AND TIME: March 4th, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

Student Union - CSUN Senate Chamber 313R

**University of Nevada, Las Vegas
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CHAIR BRIONES

OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS COMMITTEE

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AGENDA
Call to Order and Roll Call
No. of Committee Members: **12**
Quorum: **7**

Chair: Briones

Vice Chair: Yelvington - *Present*

Member: Ferraris - *Present*

Member: Goodman - *Present*

Member: Hankins - *Present*

Member: King - *Present at 5:42pm, Excused at 6:39pm*

Member: Maldonado - *Present*

Member: Navarro Mendoza - *Present*

Member: Phui - *Present*

Member: Rodriguez - *Present*

Member: Saade - *Present*

Member: Taylor - *Present*

Chair Briones called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

Chair Briones goes into a period of roll call. With 11 members present, quorum is met.

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: 5:31pm

Closed: 5:32pm

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION ONLY

(See foregoing notation regarding public comment)

Opened: 5:32pm

No public comment is made

Closed: 5:33pm

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Request is made for approval of minutes of previous meetings

Minutes for meeting 56-04, as posted to the public www.unlv.edu/csun/meeting-information

Opened: 5:33pm

Chair Briones goes into a period of voice vote

With a vote of 10-0-0 the 56-04 minutes are approved

Closed: 5:34pm

4. REPORTS

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Advisor's Report (Information Only)

Chair Briones 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.

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: 6:39pm

Senator King is excused at 6:39pm.

With 11 members present quorum is met.

Chair Briones states that the next meeting won't be until April 1st. He invites the committee to start on liaison work but to wait on sending emails until applications are closed. He also mentions sending follow up emails and thanks the committee for showing up.

Closed: 6:42pm

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.

5. 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. Presentation of Scholarships and Liaison Work [Work Session]

Chair Briones requests time for the presentation of scholarships and liaison work, along with accompanying presentations, training, and other related material regarding one time scholarships.

Robert's Rules of Orders will be suspended during this worksession.

Opened: 5:34pm

During this time Robert's rules of order are suspended.

Chair Briones presents on CSUN scholarships liaison work. Insight on offices and departments work with the liaisons of the committee is addressed. Previous years have not had a set deadline for scholarships, meaning liaison work may be started earlier than previous years. Each of the 21 scholarships within the committee are summarized and presented. The liaison work for each committee member is overviewed along with their responsibilities if any challenges arise. Each member is invited to choose up to two scholarships from within the committee and send an introduction email.

At 5:42pm Senator King is present.

With 12 members present, quorum is met.

Chair Briones advises the committee members to start contacting their scholarship contacts from the liaison tracker. An explanation of the tracker layout is given and how to utilize it. Members are encouraged to reach out to the chair or vice chair for help with the liaison work.

Chair Briones opens the floor to questions from the committee.

Senator Navarro Mendoza asks about dates for presentations.

Chair Briones clarifies he wants to work on solidifying dates but is aware that the awards aren't given to recipients until the end of April. He also states that the introductions with liaisons will serve as a sharing point of contacts. A question to the committee on what days are most available for the members to meet from May to July.

Senator Navarro Mendoza states Wednesday afternoons.

Senator Ferraris states she is free until graduating.

Senator Saade agrees with Wednesday evening.

Senator King states Wednesday before 5.

Senator Phui states Wednesday.

Senator Rodriguez states Wednesday evening.

Senator Maldonado states Wednesday evening.

Vice Chair Yelvington agrees with Wednesday evening.

Chair Briones states Wednesdays at 3pm will be meeting times for the presentations.

Senator Phui asks about excusals if attendance can't be made.

Chair Briones states that updates on the presentations will be given if members cannot attend. He opens the floor to any more questions.

Senator Navarro Mendoza asks a question about contact for previous liaisons .

Chair Briones shows the committee how to open the liaison checklist from the past.

Chair Briones opens the floor to any further questions.

Closed: 6:05pm

B. Discussion And Approval of SB 56-28:An Act To Appropriate Funds For The Immigration Enforcement Relief Scholarship FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Chair Briones requests time for the discussion and approval of Senate Bill 56 - 28, An Act to appropriate funds for The Immigration Enforcement Relief Scholarship. Senate Bill 56-28 seeks \$7,000 from the One Time Sponsorship Funds to provide funding for the Immigration Enforcement Relief Scholarship. Senate Bill 56-28 may be found in the CSUN Supplemental material. The request may be subject to amendment at the discretion of the committee.

Opened: 6:05pm

Chair Briones invites the presenters to the podium including senator Maldonado, Alejandro Rios the Associate Director of Dei and Advocacy, and Nayelli Rico Lopez the Intersection Program Coordinator.

Senator Maldonado summarizes the bill as a partnership between csun and the intersection to help provide financial aid to students who have been impacted by immigration enforcement.

Alejandro Rios presents data on immigrants on campus and across Nevada, highlighting how many students are impacted by financial instability as a result of the growing immigration policies.

Nayelli Rico Lopez gives an introduction to the committee and thanks the committee for considering this bill. She gives her experience working with undocumented students and emphasizes the importance of this scholarship.

Senator Maldonado gives a conclusion on this scholarship and how it can help students across campus. A mockup of the application format is presented to the committee.

Senator Navarro Mendoza thanks the presenters and voices her support for the bill. She asks how this scholarship will be promoted and marketed without putting students in harm's way.

Senator Maldonado states that protecting students in the process was a priority of hers, making the application open to all students who may be affected.

Nayelli Rico Lopez states that it depends on what stance CSUN wants to take on marketing materials, safety measures taken, and application review. Broad and inclusive language will be used so students can be informed of the purpose.

Alejandro Rios states that the internal protocol on student information should be the biggest

concern over the upfront marketing.

Senator Navarro Mendoza thanks the presenters and shows her support.

Nayelli Rico Lopez states that this scholarship would be a great way to further connect students to resources.

Senator King asks how the scholarship will be presented and how backlash will be handled.

Senator Maldonado states that differing opinions will always occur but representing all students includes showing support for underrepresented and undocumented students.

Alejandro Rios states that he personally hasn't seen any backlash from events or work with undocumented students.

Nayelli Rico Lopez states that it will be framed to help students succeed.

Senator Ferraris states that she is worried the applicants may be put on a list that could put students in harm's way, but still shows her support.

Nayelli Rico Lopez states that the office is meticulous in how they provide students resources and adhere to policy by using safeguarding strategies.

Alejandro Rios states that the information such as students' names cannot be legally given out and UPD has been cooperative with them on campus so far.

Senator Maldonado states her opinion on keeping transparency with students so they can utilize this as a resource.

Senator Ferraris asks how marketing will occur across campus.

Nayelli Rico Lopez agrees all across campus.

Alejandro Rios also agrees all across campus marketing.

Senator Maldonado states that reaching the most students is best.

Chair Briones opens the floor to questions regarding the bill.

Senator Taylor asks about the application, as to why there is an essay style eligibility requirement.

Senator Maldonado states that background should be given to know how students are affected, without making students write a lot but is open to changing the application.

Senator Taylor states that some of the questions may be triggering or invasive. He also states that other scholarships utilize need based criteria to avoid triggering content.

Nayelli Rico Lopez thanks Senator Taylor for his input. She states that it is important to the application to get information on how students are being affected to assess their level of need.

She states that they will take a trauma informed approach with trigger warnings and further resources given prior to the essay writing.

Senator Taylor thanks the presenter.

Chair Briones talks about his experience in utilizing trauma informed approaches with scholarships so they are mindful of the students situation. He thanks the presenters for their work on the bill.

Chair Briones opens the floor to questions on the bill.

Senator Rodriguez asks if the application can be changed after the bill is approved.

Chair Briones states that as long as the information is explicitly stated within an addendum or clause on the bill, they have room to adjust.

Chair Briones goes into a period of roll call vote on the bill.

Vice Chair Yelvington - Y

Senator Ferraris - Y

Senator Goodman - Y

Senator Hankins - Y

Senator King - Y

Senator Maldonado - Y

Senator Navarro Mendoza - Y

Senator Phui - Y

Senator Rodriguez - Y

Senator Saade - Y

Senator Taylor -Y

With a vote of 11-0-0 the bill is approved

Closed: 6:39pm

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION ONLY

Opened: 6:42pm

No public comment is made

Closed: 6:43pm

7. ADJOURN

At 6:43pm the meeting is adjourned