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**CONSOLIDATED STUDENTS**  
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**SENATE BILL 56-59**

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**SB 56-59: AN ACT TO AMEND BYLAW TITLE XII, CHAPTER 1203  
OF THE CSUN BYLAWS TO INCREASE THE UNLV REBEL  
VETS SPONSORSHIP ALLOCATION**

Senate Bill Number: SB 56-59

Authors of Legislation: Melvin Taylor, College of Education Senator

Sponsor of Legislation: CSUN University Initiatives Committee

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**WHEREAS**, the Consolidated Students of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (CSUN) represents all 25,000+ 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**, under Chapter 1200 of Title XII of the CSUN Bylaws, the CSUN Sponsorship Fund is established to provide recurring annual financial support to UNLV entities; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, Section 09 under Chapter 1200 of Title XII of the CSUN Bylaws establishes the ability to “alter the conditions, provisions, and agreements of a current sponsorship, without discontinuation”; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, the University Initiatives committee (under the Legislative Branch of CSUN) serves to improve the UNLV campus and community, address and advocate for undergraduate student interests, needs, and concerns related to (but not limited to) health, safety, diversity, social justice, and sustainability; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, CSUN sponsorships play a vital role in supporting essential UNLV entities and their operations that positively impact the undergraduate student body; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 1203 of Title XII of the CSUN Bylaws establishes the UNLV Rebel Vets Sponsorship, which provides a permanent funding mechanism that assists in supporting programs designed to connect with veterans and help prevent veteran isolation and suicide; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, UNLV veteran and military-connected students often face unique barriers, including transition to college, financial concerns, disability accommodation needs, academic readjustment, psychological injury, and the need for peer support services; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, data presented to CSUN indicates that since 2012, the Rebel Vets program has supported a student veteran population producing 4,974 graduates, demonstrating long-term measurable student success and retention outcomes; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, current reported outcomes show a 73% retention rate and 65% graduation rate among supported student veterans, evidencing that investment in veteran-centered engagement programs contributes to student persistence and degree completion; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, the current \$10,000 sponsorship has historically supported participation for approximately 10 to 15 student veterans annually at the Student Veterans of America National Conference (NATCON), a nationally recognized leadership and professional development opportunity; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, increased travel, lodging, conference registration, and program delivery costs have reduced the purchasing power of the original sponsorship allocation, making adjustments necessary to preserve the level of student access originally intended by the Senate; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, an increase to \$14,000 would allow CSUN to maintain or expand student veteran participation in leadership conferences, graduation recognition events, outreach programming, and wellness initiatives without diminishing existing services; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, sponsorship funds not expended by Rebel Vets are already required under Chapter 1203 to be returned to the CSUN Sponsorship Budget, ensuring accountability and minimizing fiscal risk to the student body; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, the requested \$4,000 increase represents a targeted investment in a high-impact program with documented outcomes rather than the creation of a new recurring expenditure category; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, the UNLV CSUN University Initiatives Committee was provided \$55,000 for the New/Existing Sponsorship Fund to be appropriated for sponsorships available within the UNLV community; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, after discussion and approval from committee members during UI 56-10, funds have been approved for reallocation within the FY2026 CSUN Budget for an amount not to exceed \$4,000;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Consolidated Students of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Senate hereby approves an amendment to Title XII, Chapter 1203 of the CSUN Bylaws to increase the UNLV Rebel Vets Sponsorship annual allocation from \$10,000 to \$14,000; **AND**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all funds appropriated through the UNLV Rebel Vets Sponsorship shall continue to be used solely for programs, services, events, conferences, and initiatives that support veteran and military-connected students in accordance with CSUN Bylaws; **AND**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that any portion of the sponsorship funds remaining unexpended at the close of the fiscal year shall revert to the CSUN Sponsorship Budget in accordance with existing bylaw provisions; **AND**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the *Military and Veteran Service Center* will administer the sponsorship in accordance with university policies and ensure that the funds are awarded to eligible undergraduate students.

## **ADDENDUM A**

## **ADDENDUM B**

*Additions*

~~Redactions~~

## **CHAPTER 1203: UNLV REBEL VETS SPONSORSHIP**

### **SECTION 02: FUNDING**

- A. Each September, an amount of ~~ten thousand dollars (\$10,000)~~ **fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000)** from the CSUN Sponsorship Budget received from student fees shall be transferred to the UNLV Rebel Vets ~~from the CSUN Sponsorship Budget.~~

## **ADDENDUM C**

*Additions*

~~Redactions~~

### **SECTION 03: REQUIREMENTS**

- A. Each fiscal year, the UNLV Rebel Vets shall send representatives to the University Initiatives Committee to present a budget that meets these requirements and justifies the continued sponsorship of the UNLV Rebel Vets. Once approved by the University Initiatives Committee, an amount not to exceed ~~\$10,000~~ **\$14,000** will be transferred to the UNLV Rebel Vets from the CSUN Sponsorship Budget.

SB 56-59, ADOPTED by the Senate on this \_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_, 20\_\_

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Sharon Flores, Senate President

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Liana Wieand, Senate Secretary

SB 56-59, APPROVED on this \_\_ Day of \_\_, 20\_\_ by

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Kelechi Odunze, Student Body President