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CONSOLIDATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS

56th Executive Session

EXECUTIVE BILL 56-01

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CSUN BYLAW CHAPTER 211

Bill Number: EB 56-01

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Sponsor of Legislation: EXECUTIVE BOARD

WHEREAS, the Consolidated Students of the University of Nevada (CSUN) represents all 27,000+ undergraduate students enrolled at the University of Nevada Las Vegas; **AND**

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Consolidated Students of the University of Nevada, under the authority of CSUN Constitution VI.D.01, is “empowered to enact any legislation that falls under the jurisdiction of CSUN”; **AND**

WHEREAS, the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, is a diverse and multicultural institution, and student government structures should reflect those values in name and function; **AND**

WHEREAS, renaming and organizing civic engagement, advocacy, and diversity function under the department of IDEAL Affairs from Civic and Legislative Affairs more accurately reflects CSUN’s commitment to Inclusion, Diversity Equity, Advocacy, and Legislative engagement; **AND**

WHEREAS expanding the responsibilities and structure of the Associate Director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Advocacy supports more robust programming on equity-focused issues;

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED, that CSUN hereby establishes the Department of IDEAL Affairs in place of the Department of CLA reflecting CSUN’s commitment to Inclusion, Diversity Equity, Advocacy, and Legislative engagement; **AND**

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that all provisions outlined in Addendum A shall be codified within the CSUN Bylaws under Chapter 211 once passed through each required body and signed by the President

ADDENDUM A

CHAPTER 211: ~~DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE AND CIVIC AFFAIRS~~ INCLUSION, DIVERSITY, EQUITY, ADVOCACY, AND LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS (IDEAL)

SECTION 01: PURPOSE

A. There is hereby established a ~~Department of Legislative and Civic Affairs~~-*Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Advocacy, and Legislative Affairs (IDEAL)* for the purposes of providing development and implementation of strategies to advance legislative initiatives that represent the interests of Students of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and to expand civic education, *inclusion, diversity, equity, advocacy*, and engagement at all levels of government *and within the campus community*.

SECTION 02: SCOPE OF PRACTICE

A. Promote civic education by coordinating with Las Vegas municipal, Clark County, Nevada, and Federal governments to provide workshops and internship/employment opportunities to students.

B. Encourage students who are Nevada citizens to register to vote, and to connect non-Nevadan U.S. citizens to resources to vote in their jurisdiction of residence.

C. Connect students to their elected leaders at all levels of government, including hosting nonpartisan town halls on campus.

D. Provide support and advocacy for students seeking permanent residency or United States citizenship.

E. Collaborate with Registered Student Organizations to effectively communicate on issues that impact our community.

F. Conduct lobbying trips, as directed by the President, to the seats of governments to advocate for student interests.

G. Raise awareness around the NSHE Board of Regents actions, votes, and behavior to promote accountability and transparency.

H. All other duties contained within the CSUN Constitution and Bylaws.

SECTION 03: DIRECTOR OF ~~CIVIC AND LEGISLATIVE~~-*INCLUSION, DIVERSITY, EQUITY, ADVOCACY, AND LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS*

A. The Director of ~~Civic and Legislative~~-*IDEAL Affairs* at CSUN is responsible for promoting civic engagement, governmental awareness, student advocacy, *diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives* within CSUN. This role serves as the primary liaison between students and government entities at the municipal, state, and federal levels, ensuring students have access to civic education, voting resources, and legislative advocacy opportunities.

B. The duties of the Director of ~~Civic and Legislative~~ *IDEAL* Affairs include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Coordinate with Las Vegas municipal, Clark County, Nevada, and federal government agencies to provide student civic education workshops and internship/employment opportunities.
2. Host nonpartisan town halls, panel discussions, and information sessions to connect students with elected leaders.
3. Promote awareness of upcoming elections, ballot measures, and voter deadlines.
4. Organize advocacy trips, as directed by the CSUN President, to advocate for student interests at government offices.
5. Monitor and raise awareness of NSHE Board of Regents actions, decisions, and policies to promote accountability and transparency.
6. Collaborate with Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) and community groups to communicate and address issues impacting students.
7. Work closely with Directors of other departments to ensure that all events are properly advertised to the campus community.
8. Deliver a report to the Senate at every Senate Meeting to update Senators on the department's activities.
9. Work with the CSUN Faculty Advisors to monitor the departmental budget and ensure proper budget allocation.

SECTION 04: ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

A. The Duties of the Associate Director of Legislative Affairs include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Promoting civic education and engagement among the UNLV student body and connecting students' concerns to their leaders in public office.
2. Updating CSUN and UNLV students on legislative changes happening at the NSHE Board of Regents level and any other projects.
3. Create infographics on information shared with the student body in fun, trending, and relatable ways.
4. Relay information to CSUN officials about any NSHE Board of Regents updates or decisions to keep CSUN well-informed.
5. Advocate for students of all backgrounds by holding or assisting with events informing students about political rights, local government, and civic programs

SECTION 05: ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND ADVOCACY

A. The Duties of the Associate Director of Diversity, Equity Inclusion, and Advocacy include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Develop programs and initiatives that enhance inclusivity and equity on campus.

2. Advocate for policies that support underrepresented and historically marginalized student populations.
3. Advocate for all students by holding or assisting with Heritage Month kickoffs and events.
4. Partner with Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) to address social justice issues affecting students.
5. Assist the Director of ~~Civic and Legislative Affairs~~ *Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Advocacy, and Legislative Affairs* in coordinating advocacy trips and town halls focused on DEIA-related topics.
6. Connect students with advocacy resources and opportunities to engage in civic discourse
7. *Develop and implement awareness campaigns related to public health, safety, and student wellbeing, including but not limited to Sexual Assault Awareness, Domestic Violence Awareness, Cancer Awareness Months, Mental Health Awareness, and related initiatives.*
8. *Plan and coordinate philanthropic volunteer initiatives that support on-campus and community needs, including but not limited to food pantry support, clothing drives, hygiene product drives, and other basic needs programming.*

EB 56-01, ADOPTED by the Senate on this ___ Day of ___, 20__

Sharon Flores, Senate President

Liana Wieand, Senate Secretary

EB 56-01, APPROVED on this ___ Day of ___, 20__ by

Kelechi Odunze, Student Body President