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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

COMMITTEE MEETING

56-09

DATE AND TIME: June 3rd, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

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

CHAIR BRIONES

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AGENDA
Call to Order and Roll Call
No. of Committee Members**: 10**
Quorum: **6**

Chair: Briones- *present*

Vice Chair: Yelvington- *present*

Member: Goodman- *present*

Member: Hankins- *present*

Member: King- *present*

Member: Navarro Mendoza- *p*resent, excused at 6:30 for the remainder of the meeting

Member: Phui- *present*

Member: Oliver- *present*

Member: Rodriguez- *excused*

Member: Saade- *present*

Chair Briones calls the meeting to order at 5:53pm.

With 8 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: 5:54pm

Closed: 5:54pm

2. PUBLIC COMMENT **INFORMATION ONLY**

(See foregoing notation regarding public comment)

Opened: 5:54pm

No public comment is made.

Closed: 5:55pm

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Request is made for approval of minutes of previous meetings

Minutes for meeting 56-08, as posted to the public www.unlv.edu/csun/meeting-information

Opened: 5:49pm

Chair Briones asks if there are any discrepancies in the minutes.

Senator Yelvington states that there was a clerical error in agenda item 5B but it was fixed.

Chair Briones goes onto a period of voice vote.

With a vote of 8-0-0 the 56-08 minutes are approved.

Closed: 5:56pm

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.

Opened: 6:30pm
Advisor Palacios states that all of the rosters for the awardees were submitted so the emails can be sent out. However she is not sure what specific date they will receive the grants. She also states that all of the scholarship roster awardees were submitted besides two. If any questions are received from the committee regarding scholarships, she states that they should have already gotten an email if they were accepted, but if not they did not receive the scholarship. She also states that members can reach out if any questions arise.

Closed: 6:33pm

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: 6:26pm
Chair Briones tells the committee that this presentation process is important and questions should be asked throughout. He emphasizes that amendments or any concerns should be presented for the most engagement. He states that more requests for exceptions may be presented in further meetings. He states that members should be reaching out if any help is needed with liaison work.

Closed: 6:28pm

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.

Opened: 6:28pm
Vice Chair Yelvington shares her updates on current work with notifying grants applicants

via email.

Closed:6:30pm

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. Discussion and Approval of Request for Exception: Adult Learner Scholarship FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Chair Briones requests time for a discussion regarding a request for exception from Janelle Yasukochi, the Adult Learner Scholarship Director. The request for exception will allow for a student recipient to receive the full scholarship amount of $2000 for Fall 2026 due to graduating December 2026. Information may be found in the “supplemental materials” section of the public drive.

Opened: 6:23pm

Chair Briones states that a request for exception can happen for a variety of reasons, and states that this student is requesting the amount is disbursed before they graduate.

Chair Briones opens a voice vote on the approval.

With a vote of 8-0-0 the request for exception is approved.

Closed: 6:25pm

B. Discussion and Approval of Request for Exception: UNLV/CSN Transfer Scholarship FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Chair Briones requests time for a discussion regarding a request for exception from Lequanda Cole, the UNLV/CSN Transfer Scholarship Director. The request for exception will allow for a student recipient to receive the full scholarship amount of $2000 for Fall 2026 due to graduating December 2026. Information may be found in the “supplemental materials” section of the public drive.

Opened: 6:25pm

Chair Briones states that this request is similar to the previous one where a student will be graduating so they are requesting to get the funds before they graduate.

Chair Briones opens the floor to discussion on the approval.

Chair Briones opens a voice vote.

With a vote of 8-0-0 the request is approved.

Closed: 6:26pm

C. Reviewing Information of the Barbara Agonia/NEW Empowerment Scholarship (INFORMATION ONLY)

Chair Briones requests time for a review of the Barbara Agonia / NEW Empowerment Scholarship. The review will contain information on this year's scholarship cycle and any other related materials. Any scholarship information provided may be found in the "supplemental materials" section of the public drive.

D. Reviewing Information of the Pre-Professional Scholarship (INFORMATION ONLY)

Chair Briones requests time for a review of the Pre-Professional Scholarship. The review will contain information on this year's scholarship cycle and any other related materials. Any scholarship information provided may be found in the "supplemental materials" section of the public drive.

Opened: 5:55pm

Chair Briones opens the presentation and reminds members that supplemental materials are in the drive.

Pio Rejas asks the chair if the meeting is live on YouTube.

Charlotte Cameron states that the meeting does not show it's live.

Jose Ibarra Lira gives direction on how to start the livestream.

Senator Yelvington asks if minutes need to be restarted.

Pio Rejas states that they do not need to be restarted.

The meeting restarted due to an error with the livestream at 5:53pm.

Chair Briones introduces the committee to the presenter Melyssa at 5:55pm.

Melyssa Barrera introduces herself as an advisor for the pre-professional team and thanks the committee for helping make this scholarship available to students. She gives a presentation on what she does in her position, as well as the services that her team provides. Furthermore, she emphasizes the importance of this scholarship as there are about 2,000 pre-professional students and there are several fees alongside tuition. The scholarship has seen an increase in applicants over the years, as well as an increase in funds given. The application process is intensive and details of the rubric as well as criteria and the awarding process was also discussed.

Chair Briones states that this is the first presenter and gives a brief overview of how the presentations will continue to go throughout the meetings. He emphasizes the importance of the presentations and reminds the committee to ask questions.

Senator Yelvington asks if they are looking to increase funds for this scholarship over the years.

Melyssa Barrera states that they would always be open to more funding.

Senator Oliver asks if all of the applicants are active undergraduate students in the university.

Melyssa Barrera states that all of the applicants are undergraduate students. However she did mention that they meet with graduate students for other matters in her office. She did mention that *requirements are heavily checked and reinforced in this process.*

Chair Briones states that he met with Melyssa earlier and wanted to follow up on a question he asked her before. He asks how the office knows the students are pre-professional.

Melyssa Barrera states that they have access to the Rebel Success Hub so they can see the attributes which state whether or not the student is on a pre-professional track. She also states that it is apparent in their resumes.

Chair Briones asks what marketing methods they use and what can we do as a committee to help.

Melyssa Barrera states that this year was easier with a larger team, which they did not have before. She also mentioned that in the advising meetings more students are made aware of the scholarships. She states that appointments as well as emails are their biggest methods, in which they have seen success.

Chair Briones thanks the presenter and emphasizes that we do have a grants program that can also benefit those students.

Melyssa thanks the committee for their work and help with the scholarship.

Closed: 6:23pm

6. PUBLIC COMMENT **INFORMATION ONLY**

Opened: 6:33pm

No public comments are made.

Closed: 6:33pm

7. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33pm