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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

COMMITTEE MEETING

56-10

DATE AND TIME: June 10th, 2026 at 5:00 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- *excused*

Member: King- *unexcused, present at 5:11pm*

Member: Navarro Mendoza- *excused*

Member: Phui- *excused*

Member: Oliver- *present*

Member: Rodriguez- *pre*sent

Member: Saade- *excused until 5:40pm*

Opened: 5:01pm

Chair Briones called the meeting to order at 5:01pm

Chair Briones opens a period of roll call at 5:02pm

With 6 members present quorum is met

Closed: 5:03pm

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: 5:03 p.m.

Closed: 5:04 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT **INFORMATION ONLY**

(See foregoing notation regarding public comment)

Opened: 5:04 p.m.

No public comment is made

Closed: 5:05 p.m.

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

Request is made for approval of minutes of previous meetings

Minutes for meeting 56-09, as posted to the public www.unlv.edu/csun/meeting-information

Opened: 5:05 p.m.

Chair Briones asks if there are any discrepancies with the minutes from meeting 56-09.

Chair Briones calls a voice vote.

With a vote of 6-0-0 the minutes for 56-09 are approved.
Closed: 5:05 p.m.

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: 6:16pm
Chair Briones states that the next meeting won't be until June 24th in two weeks. He asks for committee members to bring questions pertaining to their scholarships and be more engaged. He thanks the members for their work and wishes everyone to have a good summer.
Closed 6:18pm

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: 6:18pm
Vice Chair Yelvington agrees with the Chair in regards to being actively engaged in the committee through presentations. She shares that

Closed: 6:19pm

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. Reviewing Information of the Adult Learner Scholarship (INFORMATION ONLY)

Chair Briones requests time for a review of the Adult Learner 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: 5:05 p.m.

Chair Briones invites Janelle Yasukochi to present to the committee.

Janelle Yasukochi introduces herself to the committee and presents on behalf of the Adult Learner Scholarship. An overview on the scholarship summarizes its purpose and requirements, showcasing the importance of it. The scholarship application revisions were shared and it was noted that the FY 27-28 requirements will be revised to be only accessible to students pursuing their first bachelor's degree. The award recipient selection process and overall statistics were shared in regards to the growth of the scholarship. The most recent applicant cycle received 253 applicants, with 10 recipients being awarded at $1,000. To conclude she went over the highlights from the scholarship, as well as areas for improvement and how CSUN can continue to help.

Chair Briones thanks the presenter and opens the floor to any questions or points of discussion

Chair Briones comments on providing more funding this next fiscal year, as there may be more funds available. He asks Janelle what her thoughts are on this opportunity and marketing strategies.

Janelle Yasukochi states that more funding would be helpful but more follow up emails may help in regards to marketing. However she did mention that she was out of the office last fiscal year due to a pregnancy

Chair Briones asks for clarification on the limit on applicants in regards to those pursuing their first bachelors degree.

Janelle Yasukochi states that some students have had the opportunity to pursue multiple degrees so they are limiting it to support the students who are seeking their first bachelors degree to be more equitable and fair.

Chair Briones opens the floor to any other questions or points of discussion and thanks the presenter, sharing that he will be following up.

Closed: 5:20 p.m.

B. Reviewing Information of the International Student Scholarship (INFORMATION ONLY)

Chair Briones requests time for a review of the International Student 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: 5:32 p.m.

Chair Briones invites Anne White to present to the committee.

Anne White thanks the committee and gives a brief introduction, stating that it is her first time being in charge of this scholarship. She gave the application process for this past year and there were 26 applicants. The eligibility requirements were stated, along with the process of applying. Students must meet the eligibility to then upload a one page personal statement that answers three questions. A selection committee of 3 UNLV Global Staff members, reviews the applicants and chooses the awardees. Each *eligible student's personal statements are scored on a scale and the top ten are selected with two alternates. The benefits of this scholarship were highlighted to show the importance of this scholarship. She concludes the presentation with a thanks to the committee.*

Chair Briones opens the floor to any questions or points of discussion.

Senator Oliver asks two questions: if students can reapply if they received the award previously, as well as how the marketing looks for this scholarship.

Anne White shares that students are notified in emails and via canvas. She states that she will be coordinating marketing this year for the first time and will be more aware of what to do to communicate more effectively.

Senator Oliver asks if students can reapply the next school year if they already received the scholarship.

Anne White states that it is encouraged for any eligible students to apply, including those who have already received it before.

Chair Briones opens the floor to discussion and thanks the presenter.

Anne White thanks the committee again.

Closed: 5:44 p.m.

C. Reviewing Information of the Division of Health Sciences Completion Grant (INFORMATION ONLY)

Chair Briones requests time for a review of the Division of Health Sciences Completion Grant. The review will contain information on this grant and any other related materials. Any information provided may be found in the "supplemental materials" section of the public drive.

Opened: 5:20 p.m.

Chair Briones invites Dr. Sharon Jalene to present to the committee.

Dr. Sharon Jalene presents on the CSUN SIHS finishing scholarship. She states that she hasn't been as directly involved with this scholarship but has recently taken it on as a personal project. She gives a brief overview on the award structure and enrollment growth. There is currently $1,100 in the scholarship fund. She has been in contact with students who fall within the category to apply for this scholarship. The scholarship eligibility requirements and award changes were shared, in regards to recent changes such as the GPA requirement being a 2.5 cumulative. The program has shifted to awarding more students with smaller, targeted amounts. She also shared a spreadsheet with awards by year to show the substantial growth they have seen and why it matters. This scholarship is the only one they currently have to offer for students in the division of health sciences, making it extremely important.

Chair Briones opens the floor to any points of discussion or questions.

Chair Briones asks what marketing strategies they have in place currently.

Dr. Sharon Jalene states that most of the undergraduates do not meet the requirements so she sends selective emails using a quarry to sort them.

Chair Briones states that this is one of the three completion grants, as we do have two other grants.

Closed: 5:31 p.m.

D. Reviewing Information of the Rebel Resilience Scholarship (INFORMATION ONLY)

Chair Briones requests time for a review of the Rebel Resilience 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: 5:44 p.m.

Chair Briones invites Scott Hoffman to present to the committee.

Scott Hoffman thanks the chair and committee. Scott mentions that this is the foundation that will be built upon for this scholarship, as it is their first cycle. He gives an overview of the scholarship's purpose and its importance. The scholarship uses open dialogue and works to uplift students and encourage forms of healing through recognizing their strength. The rubric uses a 5-level scale and optional references can strengthen applications. The application itself is an open ended 500 word response to reflect on their mental health experiences. A trauma informed approach is utilized to ensure ethical and safe participation. There were 123 applications this cycle from January to March with details shared on colleges that applied and class standings. Exploring majors, students who have not been referred to a major, and honors college students are those who may need the most marketing outreach. The scholarship itself has awarded 5 students but if to be made recurring they would seek to award 8 students with $1,000 per students.

Senator King was present at 5:11pm

With 6 senator present quorum is still met

Senator Rodriguez takes a point of personal privilege at 5:52pm

Senator Saade is present at 5:53pm

Senator Rodriguez is present at 5:53pm

With 7 senators present quorum is still being met.

Chair Briones opens the floor to discussion.

Senator Yelvington asks how they can tell if a student is being genuine and honest or using AI in the creation of the scholarship.

Scott Hoffman states that it is highly unlikely that a student would use AI to write their personal statement but it would add more screening to their process.

Chair Briones thanks the presenter Scott Hoffman.

Closed: 5:59 p.m.

E. Reviewing the Scholarship and Grants Operating Policy [Work Session]

Chair Briones requests time for a review of the Scholarships and Grants Operating Policy. The review will contain information on this year's operating policy and any other related materials. Any additional information provided may be found in the "supplemental materials" section of the public drive.

Opened: 5:59 p.m.

Chair Briones overviews the operating policy and urges committee members to stay involved in the process of reviewing the policy. He reads through the policy, describing each section including duties and responsibilities of each member as well as the scholarships and grants information.

Senator Rodriguez states that she can't access the operating policy file from the supplemental materials.

Chair Briones states he will add it again but the document can also be accessed through the CSUN website. He continues to review each section of the operating policy, and key areas. He mentions tabling in the policy but was unsure of what section it was stated in.

Senator Yelvington shares that tabling is described in the chairs duties in the operating policy

Chair Briones states that he wants to further elaborate on this section of the policy and update it.

Chair Briones opens the floor to any further discussion on the operating policy.

Closed: 6:16 p.m.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT **INFORMATION ONLY**

Opened: 6:19pm

No public comment is made

Closed: 6:20pm

7. ADJOURN

The meeting is adjourned at 6:20pm