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CONSOLIDATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS

56th Executive Session

EXECUTIVE BILL 56-02

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CSUN BYLAW CHAPTER 204

Bill Number: EB 56-02

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Sponsor of Legislation: CSUN Executive Board, Internal Affairs

WHEREAS, the Consolidated Students of the University of Nevada Las Vegas (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 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, Chapter 204 of the CSUN Bylaws establishes the structure and procedures governing the CSUN Electoral Process, including Informational Sessions, meetings, and the Executive Board Debate; **AND**

WHEREAS, the March 31, 2026 Judicial Council Interpretation titled “Interpretation of Election Requirements” in Addendum A, clarified that the Council holds that mandatory attendance at Informational Sessions, Senate Meetings, Executive Debates, and similar election-related activities may not be imposed as conditions of required candidacy unless such requirements are expressly enumerated by the CSUN Constitution; **AND**

WHEREAS, Chapter 204 currently designates certain Informational Sessions, meetings, and events as “mandatory,” with failure to attend resulting in possible disqualification; **AND**

WHEREAS, it is necessary to ensure that the CSUN Bylaws are consistent with Judicial Council interpretation and do not impose eligibility requirements beyond those permitted; **AND**

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED, that Chapter 204 of the CSUN Bylaws shall be amended as reflected in Addendum C to remove mandatory attendance requirements for Informational Sessions, Senate meetings, and Executive Board debates

ADDENDUM A

2026.3.31 Interpretation of Election Requirements

ADDENDUM B

CHAPTER 204: ELECTORAL PROCESS

SECTION 08: CANDIDATES

A. ELIGIBILITY:

1. Each candidate must meet the requirements of eligibility for the office for which they are running as stated in the CSUN Constitution.
2. The CSUN Faculty Advisor, CSUN Business Operations Coordinator, or Graduate Assistant shall verify the eligibility of the candidates.
3. All candidates declared ineligible to run shall be notified by the Associate Director of Elections Logistics.

B. CANDIDATE NAME:

1. In any election the name of a candidate printed on a ballot may be the given name and surname of the candidate, a contraction, or familiar form of the given name followed by the surname. A nickname may be incorporated into the name of a candidate. The nickname must be in quotation marks and appear immediately before the surname of the candidate. A nickname must not be vulgar or threatening and must not indicate any political, economic, social or religious view or affiliation and must not be the name of any person, living or dead, whose reputation is known on a campus-wide, statewide, nationwide or worldwide basis, or in any other manner that deceives voters regarding the person or principles for which they are voting.
2. In any election if two or more candidates have the same surname or surnames so similar as to be likely to cause confusion, the middle initial, if any, of the candidates must be included in the names of the candidates as printed on the ballot.
3. The Associate Director of Elections Logistics shall verify the validity and legality of all candidate names, as submitted on the filing form by the candidates, and shall inform all affected candidates of any problems or inconsistencies.

C. FILING:

1. The Filing Period for candidates shall be established in accordance with the CSUN Constitution.
2. Candidates for all positions must indicate their desire to run by submitting an official CSUN Candidate Filing Packet to the Associate Director of Elections Logistics during the Filing Period.
3. The Candidate Filing Packet may be downloaded from the CSUN website, or obtained from the Associate Director of Elections Logistics by email request. Prospective candidates in legislative elections, who are members of multiple colleges, shall file under only one college of their choice. Candidates may only file for one office in a given election.
 - i. Executive tickets shall consist of one (1) Student Body President Candidate, one (1) Student Body Vice President Candidate, and one (1) Student Body Senate President Candidate in accordance with Article IV of the CSUN Constitution.

D. CANDIDATE FILING PACKET:

1. The Candidate Filing Packet shall include:
 - i. The Candidate's name as it appears on their UNLV-issued identification card, and their name as it is to appear on the ballot.
 - ii. The office the Candidate is seeking.
 - iii. Contact information of the Candidate
 - iv. A student identification number.
 - v. Grade Verification Form.
 - vi. A statement signed by the Candidate that they are responsible for all information contained in this Chapter, the CSUN Filing Packet, the CSUN Election Rules, and that the candidate will attend mandatory meetings as set forth by the Elections Commission.
2. The Candidate Filing Packet shall be considered a binding contract between the Prospective Candidate and the Elections Commission.
3. Packets which are submitted but late or incomplete shall be considered void.

E. DEADLINE FOR WITHDRAWAL:

1. A candidate may withdraw their name from the election by filing a written notice with the Associate Director of Elections Logistics.
2. The deadline for withdrawal from any election shall be 48 hours prior to the opening of voting for that election.
3. The Elections Commission reserves the right to remove the name of any withdrawn or disqualified candidate from the ballot at any time prior to the start of voting in an election.

F. PENALTIES

1. In case of a violation of the rules or bylaws as adjudicated by the Elections Commission, unless indicated otherwise, the candidate will be given one strike per violation. Candidates who reach three strikes will be automatically disqualified.

G. GPA REQUIREMENT VERIFICATION:

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SECTION 12: MEETINGS AND EVENTS

A. The Informational Sessions:

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3. The function of the Informational Session is to:
 - i. Acquaint all candidates with the basic structure, functions, and authority of CSUN.
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1. Senate Election:
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1. Absences from Mandatory Meetings will result in disqualification unless proper excusal documentation is provided within the timeframe stated in the election rules.
 - i. Documentation requirements include, but are not limited to; copies class schedules, work schedules, and/or letters requesting excusal.
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D. Executive Board Candidate Debate

1. The Associate Director of Elections Events shall schedule an Executive Board Candidate Debate to be held after the Primary Election and before the General Election.
2. The time and location of the Debate shall be included in the filing packet
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Sharon Flores, Senate President

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