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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

56-11

DATE AND TIME: June 24th, 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: **12**
Quorum: **7**

Chair: Briones - *present*

Vice Chair: Yelvington - *present*

Member: Goodman - *present*

Member: Hankins - *present*

Member: King - *unexcused, excused until 5:50pm*

~~Member: Mendez-Loya -~~

Member: Navarro Mendoza - *excused*

Member: Phui - *present*

Member: Oliver - *present*

Member: Rodriguez - *excused*

Member: Saade - *excused until 5:50pm*

~~Member: Sanchez -~~

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

Chair Briones goes into a period of roll call.

Chair Briones mentions that there is a clerical error and members Mendez Loya and Sanchez are not members yet, making quorum 6.

With 6 members present quorum is being 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: 5:02pm

Closed: 5:03pm

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION ONLY

(See foregoing notation regarding public comment)

Opened: 5:03pm

No public comment is made.

Closed: 5:04pm

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Request is made for approval of minutes of previous meetings

Minutes for meeting 56-10, as posted to the public www.unlv.edu/csun/meeting-information

Opened: 5:04pm

Chair Briones asks the committee if there are any discrepancies with the minutes from meeting 56-10.

Chair Briones calls a voice vote.

With a vote of 6-0-0 the minutes are approved.

Closed: 5:04pm

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: 5:42pm

Advisor Palacios reminds the committee that there was a random donation back in the spring to the scholarships and grants committee. She states that another anonymous donation amount was found that the committee will be able to work with to allocate. She also reiterates to be active throughout the scholarship presentations and ask questions.

Closed: 5:46pm

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: 5:40pm

Chair Briones shares that presentations are almost done or scheduled. He shared that \$90,000 will be available for the next fiscal year.

Closed: 5:42pm

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.

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 CSUN Identity Based Scholarships (INFORMATION ONLY)

Chair Briones requests time for a presentation from Imani Patterson - Associate Director for Student Connection to provide a presentation on this year's scholarships information and funding. The following scholarships will be presented LatinX Comunidad and Empowerment Scholarships, Justice for Black Lives Scholarship, APIME Community and Advocacy Scholarship, Indigenous Community Rise Scholarship, and LGBTQIA Empowerment and Advocacy 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: 5:05pm

Chair Briones invites Imani Patterson to present on behalf of the scholarship.

Imani Patterson introduces herself and context on the preexisting scholarship. She states that the department and scholarship has faced several changes throughout the years. This past year has administered 5 scholarships to undergraduate students that positively represent each scholarship. There were 76 applications across all 5 scholarships this past year. In total \$40,000 was funded to these scholarships, which were reviewed by the committee. One of the biggest challenges that was faced was marketing as the applicant information was unavailable for review until after the applications were already closed. The new student orientation will encourage students to become more familiar with these scholarships, alongside newsletters, rso's, flyers, and campus partnerships. Scholarships will also be limited to one application per unlv email. She did mention that CSUN can help these scholarships grow through marketing and outreach measures, to increase awareness.

Senator Yelvington shares her thanks and gratitude to the speaker for joining. She also thanked her for the thorough presentation and shared that marketing will take place for this next fiscal years scholarships.

Chair Briones also thanks the presenter and agrees that marketing and outreach will take place on behalf of the committee to help the scholarship grow.

Closed: 5:17pm

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

Chair Briones requests time for a review of the Undocumented 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: 5:17pm

Chair Briones invites Nayeli to present on behalf of the scholarship.

Nayeli Rico Lopez introduced herself and the scholarship to the committee. The scholarship aims to help undergraduate students that are non-citizens to achieve a higher education. She shared that this scholarship has been established for several years but has faced some challenges. This past year there were 17 applicants, showing a drop in application numbers across previous years. In total, 5 recipients were awarded \$2,000 each. The total amount that has been granted to date is \$68,000. The application process was overviewed showing the demographics and eligibility. Despite the challenges they have faced this year, the total amount was still awarded to five recipients after being scored based on a rubric. The applicant profiles showed that the majority of students were mostly juniors and in majors such as nursing, psychology, and engineering. Continuous benefits were shared to highlight the importance of continuing this scholarship. Areas of improvement included blind reviews, a more lenient timeframe, promotion encouragement, and additional marketing opportunities.

Senator King is present at 5:15pm

Senator Saade is present at 5:30pm

With 8 members present, quorum is still being met.

Chair Briones thanks Nayeli for presenting.

Nayeli Rico Lopez thanks the committee.

Closed: 5:34pm

C. Reviewing Information of the Veteran and Military Families Scholarship (INFORMATION ONLY)

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

Opened: 5:34pm

Chair Briones invites the presenters up to present on behalf of the Veteran and Military Families Scholarship.

Ross Bryant introduces himself and the scholarship that will be presented on. He shared some information about the scholarship itself, such as the GPA requirement, and why it is important. The review committee goes over the scholarships after the applications close in March. He shared that marketing is good due to the students they are connected with and networking in which they are provided through the office. He mentioned that an ample amount of students apply, making the review competitive.

Chair Briones opens the floor to any questions and thanks the presenter for sharing on behalf of the scholarship.

Closed: 5:40pm

D. Discussion and Approval of the Scholarships & Grants Operating Policy [POSSIBLE ACTION]

Chair Briones requests time for the discussion and approval of the Scholarships and Grants Operating Policy. The discussion and approval will contain the committee's operating policy and any other related changes or additions made. Any additional information provided may be found in the "supplemental materials" section of the public drive.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION ONLY

Opened: 5:46pm

No public comment is made

Closed: 5:47pm

7. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 5:47pm