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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

56-12

DATE AND TIME: July 1st, 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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<u>AGENDA</u>
<u>Call to Order and Roll Call</u>
No. of Committee Members**: <u>12</u>**
Quorum: **<u>7</u>**

Chair: Briones - *present*

Vice Chair: Yelvington - *present*

Member: Goodman - *present*

Member: Hankins - *present*

Member: King - *excused*

Member: Mendez-Loya - *present*

Member: Navarro Mendoza -present, *excused until 5:15pm*

Member: Phui - *excused until 5:15pm*

Member: Oliver - *present*

Member: Rodriguez - *excused*

Member: Saade - *excused until 5:35pm*

Member: Sanchez - *excused until 5:15pm*

Chair Briones called the meeting to order at 5:07pm

Chair Briones goes into a period of roll call.

With 7 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: 5:09pm

Closed: 5:09pm

2. PUBLIC COMMENT INFORMATION ONLY

(See foregoing notation regarding public comment)

Opened: 5:09pm

No public comment is made.

Closed: 5:10pm

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Request is made for approval of minutes of previous meetings

Minutes for meeting 56-11, as posted to the public www.unlv.edu/csun/meeting-information

Opened: 5:10pm

Chair Briones asks if there are any discrepancies in meeting minutes 56-11.

Chair Briones calls a voice vote.

With a vote of 7-0-0 the minutes are approved.

Closed: 5:11pm

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: 5:57pm

Advisor Palacios states she does not have a report and she is still waiting to find out the exact amount of the donation.

Closed: 5:58pm

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: 5:54pm

Chair Briones states that all scholarship presentations are scheduled for the next three weeks. Worksessions will be held after presentations for any bills or amendments. He reiterates to make sure to stay active and reach out for any questions. He reminds the committee that funding can be added to completion grants, to keep in mind. The next meeting is scheduled to be held July 8th, and the last presentation meeting will take place July 15th. He states that from July 9th to July 12th he will be out of town so as to redirect them to the vice chair.

Closed: 5:57pm

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: 5:58pm

Vice Chair Yelvington thanks the committee for their work and shares that she will be in person for the meeting next week and will be available for members when the chair is absent.

Closed: 5:58pm

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 Undergraduate Research Scholarship (INFORMATION ONLY)

Chair Briones requests time for a review of the Undergraduate Research 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: 5:11pm

Chair Briones invites the guest speaker to present on behalf of the undergraduate research scholarship.

Senator Sanchez is present at 5:11pm

Rafael Oganesyan gives an introduction on himself, the scholarship, and the department that oversees it. The undergraduate research department works with all undergraduate students regardless of major. He mentions undergraduate research is a high impact practice, making it extremely important. This application cycle received 21 applications. Outreach looked like emails, newsletters, and direct word of mouth. The submissions were reviewed by him and recommendations were given to Elba. Awardees are currently in cue for the aid to be disbursed. He states that the department is more than open to expanding the scholarship and adding any additional requirements.

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

Senator Phui is present at 5:15pm.

With 8 members present quorum is met.

Chair Briones thanks the presenter.

Rafael Oganesyan thanks the committee.

Closed: 5:15pm

B. Reviewing Information of the Urban Affairs Completion Grant (INFORMATION ONLY)

Chair Briones requests time for a review of the Urban Affairs 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: 5:15pm

Chair Briones invites the speaker to present on behalf of the grant and reminds members that presentation materials are in the supplemental materials.

Jennifer Ross thanks the committee for the opportunity to present the grant. She introduces herself as the advisor for the College of Urban Affairs. She overviews an agenda for the presentation. She presents the application cycle and process, sharing details on specific cycle dates and the grant amounts which are at $500 per cycle. Applicants are required to be undergraduate students and submit a google form along with a 1-2 page personal statement. A board of four members reviews the applications. Each year sees between 36-44 applicants, with students being awarded at $500. Hardships from the applications were highlighted, showing the need for this grant. Marketing includes emails, flyers, social media posts, and a reminder email closer to the deadline sent to staff and eligible students. A couple of statements from recipients as to how this grant helped them were read aloud. Since spring of 2022, $50,000 has been awarded to 87 recipients, with a 98% graduation rate and 13 have attended graduate school at UNLV.

Chair Briones thanks the presenter and opens the floor.

Senator Oliver thanks the presenter and asks how the $5,000 is divided amongst students.

Jennifer Ross shares that within the past few application cycles the aid had been divided evenly but the first semester, some students were awarded at different amounts.

Senator Oliver thanks the presenter.

Chair Briones opens the floor to discussion or questions.

Chair Briones asks Jennifer if more funding for this grant would be beneficial due to the applicants and how well their marketing is.

Jennifer Ross states that the department would greatly appreciate extra funding, to help students that are desperately in need.

Chair Briones thanks the presenter for speaking on behalf of the grant, as it is the first time the department has presented.

At 5:30pm Senator Saade is present.

With 10 members present quorum is met.

Closed: 5:32pm

C. 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.

Opened: 5:32pm

Chair Briones reminds the committee that the current operating policy was reviewed two meetings ago.

Two versions of the policy can be viewed in the supplemental materials. He goes over the changes that were made with redactions in red and additions in green. Each section with the changes are reviewed, highlighting the importance of uniformity in the operating policy. He encourages senators to review these changes and make any amendments as needed.

Senator Navarro Mendoza moves to amend title V one time scholarships.

Senator Oliver seconds the motion.

Chair Briones goes onto any questions or points of discussion.

Senator Navarro Mendoza rescinds her motion.

Senator Navarro Mendoza moves to amend title V one time funded scholarships.

Senator Oliver seconds the motion.

Chair Briones goes onto any questions or points of discussion.

Chair Briones calls a voice vote on the amendment of Title V of the operating policy.

With a vote of 9-0-0 the amendment passes.

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

Pio Rejas states that he wants to hear what the committee thinks of the operating policy on Title III letter C number 1 from letter c to f. Instead of mentioning that the senator should be removed from the committee, he advises that the senator could be reported to internal affairs for entire senate removal.

Senator Navarro Mendoza asks if this section would be reinstating our responsibilities and include the committee as to how to stay on task.

Pio Rejas reminds the committee that a report should be sent as the chair or vice chair do not have the responsibility to remove a senator.

Chair Briones asks for clarification as to how the chair and vice chair would go about dismissal.

Pio Rejas states that a member could be dismissed by the chair based on attendance but any member could submit a report on a senator not doing their job in general to the internal affairs committee.

Senator Navarro Mendoza moves to amend Title III subsection C number 1 to remove subsections c through f.

Senator Yelvington seconds the motion.

Chair Briones goes onto any questions or points of discussion.

Chair Briones calls a voice vote on the amendment of Title III subsection C number 1 subsections to c to f to be redacted from the operating policy.

With a vote of 9-0-0 the amendment has been approved.

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

Chair Briones opens a roll call vote on the operating policy itself.

Senator Yelvington - y

Senator Goodman - y

Senator Hankins - y

Senator Mendez Loya - y

Senator Oliver - y

Senator Navarro Mendoza - y

Senator Phui - y

Senator Saade - y

Senator Sanchez - y

With a vote of 9-0-0 the operating policy is approved.

Closed: 5:54pm

6. PUBLIC COMMENT **INFORMATION ONLY**

Opened: 5:58pm

No public comment is made.

Closed: 5:59pm

7. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 5:59pm