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CONSOLIDATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS

56th Legislative Session

SENATE BILL 56-84

AN ACT TO AMEND CSUN BYLAWS CHAPTER 105: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROCEDURE

Bill Number: SB 56-84

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Sponsor of Legislation: CSUN 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, providing a formal process for review by the Vice President for Student Affairs and UNLV will ensure that proposed constitutional amendments receive appropriate administrative review prior to consideration by the Senate and CSUN membership ; **AND**

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED, that CSUN Bylaws Chapter 105: Constitutional Amendment Procedure be amended as reflected in Addendum A

ADDENDUM A

CHAPTER 105: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROCEDURE

SECTION 01: PROPOSAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE CSUN CONSTITUTION

- A. Amendments to the CSUN Constitution may be proposed by any CSUN member through a member of the Internal Affairs Committee or any other senator.
- B. Proposals by any CSUN member shall originate in the Internal Affairs Committee.
- C. Amendments to the CSUN Constitution shall require passage in the Internal Affairs Committee by a majority vote.
- D. *Upon passage of any Constitutional Amendment by the Internal Affairs Committee, the proposed Amendment shall be presented to the VPSA for review.*
- E. Upon *review of the VPSA* ~~passage of any Constitutional Amendment by the Internal Affairs Committee~~, the proposed Amendment shall be presented to the UNLV General Counsel's Office for editions and review.
- F. Upon approval from UNLV General Counsel the proposed Amendments shall require passage in the Internal Affairs Committee by a majority vote.
- G. Upon approval by the office of the UNLV General Counsel and passage from the Internal Affairs Committee, the proposed Amendments shall require passage by the Senate with a two-thirds vote, prior to passage by two-thirds of CSUN members voting in an election and shall take effect upon approval by the Chancellor in accordance with the established policies and procedures of the Nevada System Higher Education.
- H. Upon passage from the Senate, and prior to being presented to the student body, the proposed Amendments shall be presented to the Elections Commission for the purposes of creating a ballot and voter guide.

SECTION 02: PLACEMENT ON THE BALLOT

- A. When an amendment to the Constitution is received no less than 30 days prior to a general election, the Elections Director shall cause the amendment to appear on the ballot.
- B. When an amendment to the Constitution is received outside of the period necessary for it to be placed on a ballot for a general election, it may be placed on its own ballot and voted on by CSUN members on the first Wednesday and Thursday of instruction of any month within the Fall and Spring semesters.

SECTION 03: CERTIFICATION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY

- A. When an amendment to the Constitution has been adopted by the membership of CSUN, according to the provisions of the Constitution, the Director of Elections and Operations shall certify to the President of the University that the amendment was adopted pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution.

SECTION 04: DECLARATION OF CSUN POLICY

- A. It is the policy of CSUN that the President of the University shall play no role in the consideration of an amendment to the Constitution except insofar as may be required to ensure the expeditious consideration of the amendment by the NSHE Board of Regents.

SECTION 05: AUTHORITY OF CHANGE

- A. No person or entity, except the membership of CSUN voting in an election held for the purpose of adopting an amendment to the Constitution, retains the power and authority to make changes to the CSUN Constitution once an amendment has been proposed pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution.
- B. No person or entity retains the authority to make changes, alterations or other adjustments to an amendment to the CSUN Constitution subsequent to its proper proposal to the membership of CSUN.

SECTION 06: AMENDMENT STRUCTURE

- A. Any proposed Amendment to the CSUN Constitution shall be presented to both the Internal Affairs Committee and the Senate in the form of a Senate *or Executive Bill*.
- B. Each proposed Amendment, if presented together or otherwise, shall be structured in the manner in which it will be presented to the student body. Each Amendment must contain the following:
 - 1. A question that can be answered “Yes” or “No” of no more than two sentences containing the words “Should the CSUN Constitution be amended to...”
 - 2. An explanation of the Amendment proposed.
 - 3. An opinion in favor of the Amendment proposed.
 - 4. An opinion in opposition of the Amendment proposed.
 - 5. A reference key that demonstrates the proposed additions and changes to the Constitution.

SB 56-84, ADOPTED by the Senate on this ____ Day of ____, 20__

Sharon Flores, Senate President

Liana Wieand, Senate Secretary

SB 56-84 , APPROVED on this __ Day of __, 20__ by

Kelechi Odunze, Student Body President