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University of Nevada, Las Vegas

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

UNIVERSITY INITIATIVES COMMITTEE MEETING

56-17

DATE AND TIME: August 6th, 2026 @ 5:00pm

Student Union - CSUN Senate Chambers 313R
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
4505 S. Maryland Parkway
Las Vegas, Nevada 89154

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CHAIR CHARLETTE CAMERON
OF THE UNIVERSITY INITIATIVES COMMITTEE

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AGENDA
Call to Order and Roll Call
No. of Committee Members**: 12**
Quorum: **7**

Chair: Cameron- *Present*

Vice Chair: Navarro-Mendoza- *Present*

Member: Beals- *Present*

Member: Briones- *Excused until 5:30 p.m.; Present at 5:31 p.m*

Member: Goodman- *Excused*

Member: Gutierrez- *Unexcused*

Member: Hailu- *Excused*

Member: Hankins- *Excused*

Member: Mohen- *Present*

Member: Oliver- *Present*

Member: Phui- *Present*

Member: Rafa- *Present*

Member: Taylor- *Present*

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

At 5:01 p.m., with 7 Senators present, quorum is met.

Closed: 5:02 p.m.

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: 5:02 p.m.

Closed: 5:03 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT **INFORMATION ONLY**

(See foregoing notation regarding public comment)

Opened: 5:04 p.m.

No public comment was made

Closed: 5:05 p.m.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
Request is made for approval of minutes of previous meetings

56-16 Meeting Minutes – as posted to the public at
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1417wiKPkj5RW5DNlmqkkG7DvT27Ft4GL?usp=drive_link

Opened: 5:03 p.m.

Chair Cameron moves to a voice vote to approve the 56-16 Meeting Minutes

With 7-0-0, the 56-16 minutes are approved.

Closed: 5:03 p.m.

4. REPORTS **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

A. Advisor's Report (Information Only)
The Chair will request the Advisor(s) 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: 7:19 p.m.

Advisor Hare- No report

Closed: 7:19 p.m.

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: 7:22 p.m.

Chair Cameron thanked Senator Taylor for representing CSUN at the UNLV/CSUN Preschool opening ceremony.

Chair Cameron reminded the committee that two meetings remain in the 56th Session, scheduled for September 3 and September 24.

Chair Cameron reminded members to respond to the Google Calendar invitation for the CSUN Boot Camp scheduled for August 29.

Chair Cameron provided a budget update. The committee had $80,500 in available one-time sponsorship funding before the meeting. If Senate Bill 56-25 and Senate Bill 56-87 pass the Senate without amendment, the remaining balance will be $64,654.50.

Chair Cameron asked members to provide updates regarding their ongoing initiatives and to contact committee leadership if assistance is needed.

Chair Cameron asked members to complete the When2Meet form for fall availability. The availability will be used to coordinate committee meetings, tours, tabling, volunteering, and other committee activities.

Closed: 7:30 p.m.

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: 7:19 p.m.

Vice Chair Navarro Mendoza reminded members that the CSUN Legislative Team Drive contains a University Initiatives folder for the 56th Session. The Committee Members folder includes bill templates for one-time funding requests and copies of bills previously passed by the committee that members may reference when drafting legislation.

Vice Chair Navarro Mendoza thanked members for continuing to attend and participate in committee meetings throughout the summer.

Vice Chair Navarro Mendoza encouraged members to attend the upcoming Rebel Ready Week sessions covering CSUN scholarships, sponsorships, and the work of the University Initiatives Committee.

Closed: 7:22 p.m

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Unfinished Business is any motion or action item that was under discussion and was postponed or moved to this meeting at the discretion of the public body as approved by the chair.

6. 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. Discussion and Approval of Senate Bill 56-25: AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE ONE-TIME FUNDS FOR THE STUDENT AMBASSADORS FOR COLLEGE RECRUITMENT SPONSORSHIP FOR THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
Chair Cameron requests time for the discussion and approval of Senate Bill 56-25 as attached in the accompanying supplemental materials. *Deliberation and amendments to the bill can occur under this agenda item.*

Opened 5:03 p.m.

Chair Cameron- Introduced the author and presenters of Senate Bill 56-25.

Senator Mohen- Introduces Senate Bill 56-25 as found in the accompanying supplemental materials.

Engineering Student Ambassadors Annabelle Scott, Cece Helms, and Jesus Ortega, *along with Rachel De Vera, presented on the mission, programming, and impact of the Engineering Student Ambassador Program.*

Senator Mohen- Reviewed the language of Senate Bill 56-25 and clarified that the requested $10,000 would be a one-time allocation for the 2026–2027 academic year.

Professor Yang- Discussed the College of Engineering's previous partnership with CSUN and expressed support for the ambassador program. Professor Yang stated that the College had secured $15,000 and was in the final stages of potentially securing an additional $10,000 from another source. Professor Yang also explained that the program's annual budget had previously been approximately $50,000 to $60,000 and that the College was working to restructure the program.

Senator Beals went on a point of personal privilege at 5:19 p.m., reducing the number of Senators present to six.

Senator Taylor- Asked how much additional funding the program had secured and how far the requested allocation would sustain the program.

Senator Beals returned from the point of personal privilege at 5:20 p.m., restoring the number of Senators present to seven.

Chair Cameron reminded the committee that $80,500 remained in the one-time sponsorship budget before consideration of the bill.

Vice Chair Navarro Mendoza- Expressed support for the program while raising concerns about allocating the full $10,000 from the committee's limited annual budget. Asked what adjustments the program would make if the full request were not received.

Rachel De Vera- Stated that the program had already begun reducing ambassador hours and that further reductions would result in fewer activities, outreach opportunities, and community services.

Vice Chair Navarro Mendoza moved to amend Senate Bill 56-25 by striking "$10,000" from the "Therefore, Be It Enacted" clause and replacing it with "$7,500."

Senator Briones became present at 5:31 p.m., increasing the number of Senators present to eight.

Senator Phui seconded the motion to amend.

Senator Taylor spoke in opposition to the amendment, stating that the amount requested appeared to have been researched and justified by the presenters.

Chair Cameron moves to a roll call vote on the amendment.

Vice Chair Navarro Mendoza- Y

Senator Beals- N

Senator Briones- N

Senator Mohen- N

Senator Oliver- Y

Senator Phui- Y

Senator Rafa- Y

Senator Taylor- N

With a vote for 4-4-0 the motion fails

Senator Beals- Spoke in support of the original $10,000 allocation, citing the scope of the ambassadors' work, their community impact, and the marketable skills promoted through engineering recruitment.

Senator Phui- Asked whether a department may return to request additional one-time funding after receiving an allocation.

Advisor Hare- Stated that the current bylaws do not establish a limit on the number of one-time sponsorship requests a department may submit. States that the committee may establish such a limit through its bylaws or operating policy.

Vice Chair Navarro Mendoza- Asks if the language of the bill and whether it would prevent the program from submitting another request during the same academic year.

Attorney General Rejas- Stated that the bill identified this allocation as the program's one-time funding for the current academic year, while future requests would remain subject to the discretion of the committee and Senate. Clarified that the bylaws limit recurring departmental sponsorships to one disbursement per fiscal year but do not contain a comparable restriction specific to one-time sponsorships.

Senator Rafa- Suggested potentially reducing the current allocation and permitting the ambassadors to return during the spring semester. Senator Rafa asked whether the program's funding needs were greater during the fall or spring semester.

Rachel De Vera- Stated that the workload was approximately evenly divided between the semesters. Fall efforts focus on applications and recruitment, while spring and summer efforts focus on enrollment decisions, communication, and retention.

Senator Mohen- Spoke in support of approving the full $10,000 because the additional funding being pursued by the College had not yet been guaranteed.

Advisor Hare- Suggested that the committee advocate to the next CSUN Executive Board for an increase to the program's recurring sponsorship, which could provide a longer-term funding solution.

Senator Taylor called to question

Chair Cameron moves to a roll call vote to approve SB 56-25

Vice Chair Navarro Mendoza- Y

Senator Beals- Y

Senator Briones- Y

Senator Mohen- Y

Senator Oliver- Y

Senator Phui- Y

Senator Rafa- Y

Senator Taylor- Y

With a vote of 8-0-0 SB 56-25 has been approved.

Closed: 6:01 p.m.

B. [Work Session]: Marketing of CSUN Sponsorships (INFORMATION ONLY)

Chair Cameron requests time for the discussion of potential marketing materials, dates, and times for the current CSUN sponsorships. *Robert's Rules of Orders will be suspended during this worksession.*

Opened 6:02 p.m.

Chair Cameron- Introduced the work session, suspended Robert's Rules of Order, and gave members time to brainstorm methods for marketing CSUN sponsorships to the student body.

Vice Chair Navarro Mendoza- proposed creating departmental sponsorship spotlights featuring interviews with department directors or staff. Vice Chair Navarro Mendoza suggested having sponsorship liaisons assist with filming or allowing departments to submit their own videos through a standardized form.

Director Hoskins- Supported the sponsorship spotlight proposal and suggested providing departments with an alternative option, such as submitting a photograph and written statement, if they are unable or unwilling to record a video. Director Hoskins also discussed using scheduled office hours to record participating departments.

Senator Oliver- Suggested incorporating sponsorship information into general CSUN tabling and creating interactive activities that ask students to identify CSUN sponsorships or resources that are meaningful to them.

Senator Rafa- Suggested inviting representatives from sponsored departments to participate in CSUN tabling so students can receive information directly from individuals familiar with each sponsorship.

Senator Beals- Suggested inviting relevant RSOs to departmental tours, creating a *standardized outreach email for sponsorship liaisons, including departmental flyers in Senator newsletters, requesting promotional items from sponsored departments, and inviting departments to table at relevant college mixers.*

Senator Mohen- Suggested bringing departmental presentations to events students already attend when offices are too small to accommodate tours. Senator Mohen also suggested creating short resource cards explaining each service and how students can access it.

Senator Taylor- Supported providing Senators with ready-to-use sponsorship information for their newsletters. Senator Taylor also suggested physical advertising through tabletop displays, elevator posters, and sidewalk decals near major events.

Senator Phui- Suggested simplifying how sponsorships are described to students by presenting them as resources "powered by CSUN" and connecting them to messaging about where student fees go. Senator Phui also recommended coordinating joint tabling with the Scholarships and Grants Committee to reduce the number of separate tabling dates.

Senator Briones- Suggested providing informational presentations to clubs, sororities, and other highly attended student activities and distributing promotional materials at fairs and large events.

Chair Cameron- Stated that committee leadership would work on an email template that members could use to contact their assigned departments regarding promotional items, programming, tours, and other marketing opportunities.

Director Hoskins- Thanked the committee for its ideas and requested that the committee establish future deadlines and determine whether sponsorship content should be released together or gradually throughout the semester.

Closed: 6:31 p.m.

C. Presentation on Sponsorship Procedures (INFORMATION ONLY)

Chair Cameron requests time for Elba Palacios, Senior CSUN Business Operations Coordinator, and Daejha Hare, Assistant Director for Student Government Advising, to provide a presentation on the University Initiatives Committee sponsorship procedures and guidelines. *No action will be taken under this agenda item.*

Opened 6:57 p.m.

Advisor Hare- Presented the CSUN Sponsorship Funds Disbursement Procedure developed in collaboration with Senior CSUN Business Operations Coordinator Elba Palacios. Explained that the document was created to guide Senators and departmental representatives through the one-time sponsorship process and clarify funding expectations, eligible accounts, timelines, and departmental responsibilities.

Vice Chair Navarro Mendoza- Thanked Advisor Hare and Coordinator Palacios for creating the procedure and asked whether it could be published on the CSUN website.

Advisor Hare- Stated that she would consult with the other advisors before recommending publication because the one-time sponsorship allocation is determined by each *year's Executive Board. Advisor Hare suggested that the committee consider developing bylaws governing one-time sponsorships if the funding method continues.*

Senator Taylor- Thanked Advisor Hare and Coordinator Palacios for creating the resource and assisting Senators with departmental sponsorships.

Vice Chair Navarro Mendoza went on a point of personal privilege at 7:06 p.m. and returned at 7:09 p.m.

Closed: 7:19 p.m.

D. Presentation on the Student Health Clinic and Family Medicine Residency Initiative (INFORMATION ONLY)

Chair Cameron requests time for a presentation by Dr. Justin Atkins, Family Medicine Resident with the UNLV Rural Family Medicine Residency Program, regarding the proposed Student Health Clinic and Family Medicine Residency Initiative. The presentation will provide an overview of the concept and allow committee members the opportunity to ask questions and discuss the initiative. *No action will be taken.*

Opened 6:31 p.m.

Chair Cameron- Introduced Dr. Justin Atkins and clarified that the presentation was intended to begin a discussion regarding the initiative and did not include a funding request.

Dr Atkins- Introduced himself as a first-year rural family medicine resident with the Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine and a former CSUN Senator and Attorney General. Presented a proposal to explore placing family medicine residents in the UNLV Student Health Center under faculty supervision. Dr. Atkins stated that residents would complement, rather than replace, the existing clinical team.

Senator Mohen- Asked why psychiatry residents currently serve on the main campus while family medicine residents do not.

Dr. Atkins- Explained that psychiatry residents have designated funding for the campus placement, while family medicine residents currently do not.

Chair Cameron- Asked about current demand at the Student Health Center and Dr. Atkins's work involves Senate Bill 5.

Dr. Atkins- Stated that he did not have exact utilization numbers and discussed the need to increase student awareness of available health services. Discussed his review of graduate medical education funding practices in other states and his efforts to identify legislative strategies that could improve physician recruitment and retention in Nevada.

Senator Phui- Expressed support for expanded preventive services and requested that Dr. Atkins provide his contact information for future discussions.

Chair Cameron- Stated that Dr. Atkins would be connected with the CSUN Civic and Legislative Affairs Department for possible future bill tracking and legislative advocacy.

Closed: 6:47 p.m.

E. Discussion and Approval of Senate Bill 56-87: AN ACT TO CREATE A ONE-TIME SPONSORSHIP FOR THE RESIDENTIAL HOUSING ASSOCIATION (RHA) BLOCK PARTY

Chair Cameron requests time for the discussion and approval of Senate Bill 56-87 as attached in the accompanying supplemental materials. *Deliberation and amendments to the bill can occur under this agenda item.*

Opened 6:47 p.m.

Chair Cameron- Presents the author and presenters of the bill

Vice Chair Navarro Mendoza- Introduced herself and presented Senate Bill 56-87 as found in the accompanying supplemental materials. Explained that the RHA Block Party is the culminating Rebel Ready Week event and is open to residential, commuter, first-year, transfer, international, and returning students.

Chair Cameron- Opens the floor to questions

Senator Phui- Expressed support for the bill and discussed their positive experience attending the Block Party as a first-year student.

Chair Cameron- Asked whether RHA is considered an RSO.

Lisamarie Tomassetti- Explained that RHA is technically a student organization but operates as a departmental organization whose student leaders are paid employees.

Senator Mohen- Asked whether RHA intended to seek funding through the Ways and Means Committee.

Vice Chair Navarro Mendoza- Explained that RHA operates similarly to the Rebel Events Board as a departmental student organization and does not request Ways and Means funding.

Chair Cameron moves to a voice vote to approve SB 56-87

With a vote of 8-0-0 SB 56-87 has been approved.

Closed: 6:57 p.m.

7. New Business for Future Meetings (Information Only)

Items for consideration at future meetings may be suggested under this agenda item. Any discussion of an item under "New Business" is limited to description and clarification of the subject matter of the item, which may include the reasons for the request. No substantive discussion may occur at this meeting on new business items in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law (NRS 241.020 et seq).

8. PUBLIC COMMENT **INFORMATION ONLY**

Opened: 7:30 p.m.

No public comment was made

Closed: 7:31 p.m.

9. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.