CONSOLIDATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS

56th Legislative Session

SENATE BILL 56-217

AN ACT TO AMEND
CHAPTER 1204: UNDOCUNETWORK SPONSORSHIP

Bill Number: SB 56-217

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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, CSUN Sponsorships are managed through the University Initiatives Committee, which is responsible for reviewing ongoing sponsorships and recommending measures to effectively manage the CSUN Sponsorship Budget; **AND**

WHEREAS, CSUN Bylaw Chapter 1204: UndocuNetwork Sponsorship establishes an annual allocation of twenty thousand dollars ($20,000) to support UndocuNetwork**; AND**

WHEREAS, CSUN Bylaw Chapter 1217: International & Immigrant Student Support Sponsorship establishes an annual allocation of ten thousand dollars ($10,000) to assist students with immigration-related fees; **AND**

WHEREAS, both sponsorships are now housed under The Intersection, and consolidating them into a single chapter simplifies their management**; AND**

WHEREAS, Chapter 1204, Section 03(D) and Chapter 1217, Section 03(D) currently require all unexpended sponsorship funds to be returned to the CSUN Sponsorship Budget by June 30 of each fiscal year**; AND**

WHEREAS, retaining unexpended funds in the recipient department's account and deducting the balance from the following year's disbursement reduces unnecessary account transfers while keeping the sponsorship within its approved annual allocation; **AND**

WHEREAS, this amendment seeks to accurately reflect these financial procedures while maintaining transparency, accountability, and responsible management of student funds without changing the established annual sponsorship allocations or their intended purposes**;**

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED, that CSUN Bylaw Chapter 1204: UndocuNetwork Sponsorship be amended and renamed to incorporate Chapter 1217: International & Immigrant Student Support Sponsorship, that Chapter 1217 be removed from the CSUN Bylaws, and that the requirements regarding unexpended sponsorship funds be revised, as outlined in Addendum A.

ADDENDUM A

Additions

~~Redactions~~

CHAPTER 1204: UNDOCUNETWORK AND INTERNATIONAL & IMMIGRANT STUDENT SUPPORT SPONSORSHIP

SECTION 01: PURPOSES

A. The first purpose of this sponsorship is to provide funds to UndocuNetwork to support the UndocuPeers Project, a peer leadership initiative that empowers students to provide peer-to-peer support, outreach, educational programming, and resource navigation for immigrant, mixed-status, DACA/TPS recipient, and other non-citizen students at UNLV.

1. UndocuPeers serve as student leaders who foster belonging, increase awareness of available campus and community resources, assist with student engagement initiatives, support educational workshops and presentations, and contribute to programs that promote student success and retention.
2. The UndocuPeers Project also supports outreach and educational efforts that increase understanding of the experiences and barriers faced by undocumented and immigrant students while equipping faculty, staff, students, and community partners with information and resources to better support these students.

B. The second purpose of this sponsorship is to provide funds to UndocuNetwork to pay for the distribution of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Renewal Fee Waivers for UNLV undergraduates in need of financial assistance.

1. To promote and maintain the retention rates of DACA recipients within the UNLV community.
2. To provide financial aid to those who may have been affected by outside deterrents that hinder them from paying for their bi-annual DACA renewal requirements to maintain legal status within the United States – in this case being DACA.

C. The third purpose of this sponsorship is to provide funds to The Intersection for students who need financial assistance regarding fees to apply for, renew or extend their immigration status in order to live in the United States and attend our University.

1. Fees to be covered by those funds include, but are not limited to: initial immigration status application fees, renewal of status application fees (any VISA, federal immigration program such as DACA, residency status, culminating at Citizenship applications), biometrics appointment fees, or USCIS required medical examinations.

2. The application will be established and managed by CSUN in partnership with The Intersection. All applicants will be reviewed by The Intersection staff for potential approval and funding.

3. In the event that there are applications without reviewers, the CSUN University Initiatives Committee Chair will be responsible for reidentifying the applications and dividing them up amongst committee members for review and potential approval.

SECTION 02: FUNDING

A. Once per fiscal year, a total amount of thirty thousand dollars ($30,000) from the CSUN Sponsorship Budget shall be transferred to The Intersection and allocated according to the following:

1. Twenty thousand dollars ($20,000) shall be allocated to UndocuNetwork for the purposes outlined in Section 01(A) and Section 01(B).

2. Ten thousand dollars ($10,000) shall be allocated to the International & Immigrant Student Support fund for the purposes outlined in Section 01(C).

B. Funding allocated to UndocuNetwork shall be used as follows:

1. Part of the budget shall be used to compensate UndocuPeers for their leadership, outreach, peer support, educational programming, event planning, resource development, presentations, and other project-related responsibilities that advance the mission of UndocuNetwork and support immigrant and undocumented student success at UNLV.

i. Funding may also support educational workshops, campus presentations, outreach initiatives, and peer engagement activities conducted by UndocuPeers throughout the academic year.

2. Part of the budget shall be used for the purpose of distributing fee waivers for DACA Renewal Application expenses.

i. The funds for the DACA Renewal Fee Waivers will cover the full amount for each DACA renewal application (Recipients will be awarded the renewal amount based on the type of DACA renewal application and the costs set by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services).

C. Funding allocated to the International & Immigrant Student Support fund shall be administered as follows:

1. Students who incur costs related to immigration are able to apply for funding through the online application portal provided by CSUN as well as on The Intersection's platform. Applications will be reviewed based on need and merit.

2. These funds will be awarded through UNLV Financial Aid and available on a student's MyUNLV account. These funds are intended to bypass any current fees or balances listed on MyUNLV. Students will be able to access the funds via refund or direct deposit in order to pay off any outstanding balances in which they originally applied for.

3. Amounts awarded to individual students' accounts shall not exceed $500 (five hundred dollars), and are not required to be the full $500 amount.

4. Students are eligible to receive funding once every academic year.

5. Applications are available year-long, with internal deadlines provided by The Intersection and UNLV Financial Aid on a rolling basis.

SECTION 03: REQUIREMENTS

A. All funds allocated toward the UndocuPeers Project shall be used to compensate UndocuPeers for fulfilling the responsibilities of the peer leadership program, including peer support, outreach, educational programming, presentations, event assistance, resource development, and other approved project activities.

1. At the end of each semester, a representative from UndocuNetwork shall provide a report to the CSUN Senate, either in person or by email, summarizing the activities supported through the UndocuPeers Project. The report should include, when applicable:
    i. Number of UndocuPeers participating
    ii. Student engagement and outreach efforts
    iii. Educational workshops and presentations conducted
    iv. Programs and events supported
    v. Campus and community partnerships
    vi. Additional resource needs or recommendations
2. CSUN's name and/or logo shall be prominently displayed on Presentations.

B. All money disbursed towards the DACA Renewal program must be used for the purpose of paying for DACA Renewal applications for those that qualify for a fee waiver.

C. Representatives from The Intersection shall give a report to the University Initiatives Committee on the number of students utilizing the International & Immigrant Student Support fund.

D. CSUN's name shall be featured prominently on sponsored marketing material:

1. Either an official CSUN logo or the words "UNLV CSUN" shall appear on sponsored marketing materials for the International & Immigrant Student Support fund.
2. For purposes of this section, marketing materials shall be defined as forms/applications/website information and any physical marketing materials.

E. It is the responsibility of the current Chair of the University Initiatives Committee to contact The Intersection prior to the end of each fiscal year to present them with the most recent copy of their sponsorship.

F. Any CSUN sponsorship funds remaining unexpended at the end of each fiscal year shall remain within the recipient department's designated account. The remaining balance shall be reported to the CSUN University Initiatives Committee and deducted from the amount of the recurring sponsorship funding disbursed in the following fiscal year.

~~**CHAPTER 1204: UNDOCUNETWORK SPONSORSHIP**~~

~~**SECTION 01: PURPOSES**~~

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1. UndocuPeers serve as student leaders who foster belonging, increase awareness of available campus and community resources, assist with student engagement initiatives, support educational workshops and presentations, and contribute to programs that promote student success and retention.

2. The UndocuPeers Project also supports outreach and educational efforts that increase understanding of the experiences and barriers faced by undocumented and immigrant students while equipping faculty, staff, students, and community partners with information and resources to better support these students.

B. The second purpose of this sponsorship is to provide funds to UndocuNetwork to pay for the distribution of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Renewal Fee Waivers for UNLV undergraduates in need of financial assistance.

1. To promote and maintain the retention rates of DACA recipients within the UNLV community.

2. To provide financial aid to those who may have been affected by outside deterrents that hinder them from paying for their bi-annual DACA renewal requirements to maintain legal status within the United States – in this case being DACA.

SECTION 02: FUNDING

A. Starting with the fiscal year in which the sponsorship is passed, and every following year thereafter, CSUN shall disburse $20,000 (twenty thousand) to UndocuNetwork.

1. Part of the budget shall be used to compensate UndocuPeers for their leadership, outreach, peer support, educational programming, event planning, resource development, presentations, and other project-related responsibilities that advance the mission of UndocuNetwork and support immigrant and undocumented student success at UNLV.

i. Funding may also support educational workshops, campus presentations, outreach initiatives, and peer engagement activities conducted by UndocuPeers throughout the academic year.

2. Part of the budget shall be used for the purpose of distributing fee waivers for DACA Renewal Application expenses.

i. The funds for the DACA Renewal Fee Waivers will cover the full amount for each DACA renewal application (Recipients will be awarded the renewal amount based on the type of DACA renewal application and the costs set by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services).

SECTION 03: REQUIREMENTS

A. All funds allocated toward the UndocuPeers Project shall be used to compensate UndocuPeers for fulfilling the responsibilities of the peer leadership program, including peer support, outreach, educational programming, presentations, event assistance, resource development, and other approved project activities.

1. At the end of each semester, a representative from UndocuNetwork shall provide a report to the CSUN Senate, either in person or by email, summarizing the activities supported through the UndocuPeers Project. The report should include, when applicable:

i. Number of UndocuPeers participating

ii. Student engagement and outreach efforts
iii. Educational workshops and presentations conducted
iv. Programs and events supported
v. Campus and community partnerships
vi. Additional resource needs or recommendations
2. CSUN's name and/or logo shall be prominently displayed on Presentations.

B. All money disbursed towards the DACA Renewal program must be used for the purpose of paying for DACA Renewal applications for those that qualify for a fee waiver.

C. It is the responsibility of the current Chair of the University Initiatives Committee to contact the UndocuNetwork program prior to March 31st of each fiscal year to present them with the most recent copy of their sponsorship.

D. All funds not expended by UndocuNetwork for any and all purposes outlined within this chapter shall be returned to the CSUN Sponsorship Budget on or before June 30 of each fiscal year.

CHAPTER 1217: INTERNATIONAL & IMMIGRANT STUDENT SUPPORT SPONSORSHIP

SECTION 01: PURPOSE

A. To provide a permanent funding mechanism for students who need financial assistance regarding fees to apply for, renew or extend their immigration status in order to live in the United States and attend our University.
1. Fees to be covered by those funds include, but are not limited to: initial immigration status application fees, renewal of status application fees (any VISA, federal immigration program such as DACA, residency status, culminating at Citizenship applications), biometrics appointment fees, or USCIS required medical examinations.
2. The application will be established and managed by CSUN in partnership with The Intersection. All applicants will be reviewed by The Intersection staff for potential approval and funding.
3. In the event that there are applications without reviewers, the CSUN University Initiatives Committee Chair will be responsible for reidentifying the applications and dividing them up amongst committee members for review and potential approval.

SECTION 02: FUNDING

A. An amount of $10,000, approved through the fiscal year operating budget, will be transferred to The Intersection at the beginning of each fiscal year.

B. Students who incur costs related to immigration are able to apply for funding through the online application portal provided by CSUN as well as on The Intersection's platform. Applications will be reviewed based on need and merit.

C. These funds will be awarded through UNLV Financial Aid and available on a student's MyUNLV account. These funds are intended to bypass any current fees or balances listed on MyUNLV. Students

~~will be able to access the funds via refund or direct deposit in order to pay off any outstanding balances in which they originally applied for.~~

~~D. Amounts awarded to individual students' accounts shall not exceed $500 (five hundred dollars), and are not required to be the full $500 amount.~~

~~E. Students are eligible to receive funding once every academic year.~~

~~F. Applications are available year-long, with internal deadlines provided by The Intersection and UNLV Financial Aid on a rolling basis.~~

~~**SECTION 03: REQUIREMENTS**~~

~~A. Representatives from The Intersection shall provide various reports to CSUN:~~
~~1. Give a report to the University Initiatives Committee on the number of students utilizing the funds.~~

~~B. CSUN's name shall be featured prominently on sponsored marketing material:~~
~~1. Either an official CSUN logo or the words "UNLV CSUN" shall appear on sponsored marketing materials for the fund.~~
~~2. For purposes of this section, marketing materials shall be defined as forms/applications/website information and any physical marketing materials.~~

~~C. It is the responsibility of the current Chair of the University Initiatives Committee to contact the involved parties prior to March 31st of each fiscal year to present them with the most recent copy of their sponsorship.~~

~~D. All funds not expended by the Intersection for any and all purposes outlined within this chapter shall be returned to the CSUN Sponsorship Budget on or before June 30 of each fiscal year.~~

SB 56-217, ADOPTED by the Senate on this ___ Day of ___, 20__

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Sharon Flores, Senate President

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Liana Wieand, Senate Secretary

SB 56-217, APPROVED on this __ Day of __, 20__ by

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Kelechi Odunze, Student Body President