

BOARD OF REGENTS
BRIEFING PAPER

Agenda Item Title: Constitution of Moyer Student Union Board, UNLV

BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:

The constitution of the Moyer Student Union (MSU) Board was adopted by the Board of Regents in 1987. UNLV would like to consider other methods and forms of governance that may be more applicable to the way the new student union operates. Rather than revise an outdated Constitution, we request removal of the section from the Handbook. This move would be consistent with other institutions.

SPECIFIC ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED OR REQUESTED:

To remove the Constitution of Moyer Student Union from the Board of Regents Handbook.

IMPETUS (WHY NOW?):

Since the adoption of the MSU Constitution in 1987, there have been changes in the management structure and goals of the Division of Student Life and the unit that operates and programs the student union. The current constitution is no longer applicable. In addition, the governance of other system student unions is not included in the Handbook. UNLV would like to remove this section from the Handbook. The university plans to establish a union advisory board this semester, to be in place by January, 2007 and comprised of various representatives of the campus community. This group will be asked to provide input into administrative policies and procedures for the new union building, which will be completed in summer, 2007. Consistent with current practices at other campuses, this advisory panel is to be a campus body convened under the authority of the institutional president and not referenced in the Regent's Handbook.

BULLET POINTS TO SUPPORT REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

- Current administrative structure (staff and students) requires revised system.
- Regents Handbook deals typically with broader issues than this.

POTENTIAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

- None known.

ALTERNATIVE(S) TO WHAT IS BEING REQUESTED/RECOMMENDED:

- Retain the current Constitution.

COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY:

Consistent With Current Board Policy: Title #____ Chapter #____ Section #____
 Amends Current Board Policy: Title #____ Chapter #____ Section #____
 Amends Current Procedures & Guidelines Manual: Chapter #____ Section #____
X Other: Delete extraneous material from Handbook (Title #5, Chap #14, Section # I-XIV)
Fiscal Impact: Yes____ No X
Explain: _____

Title 5 - Governing Documents

Chapter 14

~~CONSTITUTION OF MOYER STUDENT UNION BOARD
UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS~~

~~I. NAME~~

~~The name of this organization shall be the Moyer Student Union of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (hereinafter referred to as the Board).~~

~~II. PURPOSE~~

~~The purpose of the Board is to contribute to the social, cultural, recreational and educational development of students, faculty, staff, alumni and the community through programs and services conducted primarily within the Donald C. Moyer Student Union building (hereinafter referred to as the Student Union).~~

~~III. RESPONSIBILITIES~~

~~The Board shall advise the Union Director on the development, design and implementation of all operating policies and procedures for the Student Union.~~

~~IV. BYLAWS AND RULES OF ORDER~~

~~A. The Board shall formulate and maintain bylaws for its operation. Bylaws are subject to the policies and procedures established by the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada for the Student Union.~~

~~B. Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition, shall be the parliamentary guide for the Board, except in areas which conflict with this Constitution or its Bylaws.~~

~~V. UNION DIRECTOR~~

~~In compliance with section 819 of the Donald C. Moyer Student Union Bond Resolution (1-1-67), the Union Director shall be the manager of the Student Union with full control over the facilities, and shall operate said Student Union building for the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, subject to the reasonable control by and direction of the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada System.~~

VI. MEMBERSHIP

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A. ~~The Board shall consist of nine (9) voting members, who shall hold office for one year, and which shall include:~~

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1. ~~Four selected undergraduate students (including special students), one of whom shall serve as Chairman and one as Vice Chairman.~~

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2. ~~One appointed graduate student.~~

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3. ~~One appointed alumni representative.~~

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4. ~~One appointed faculty member.~~

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5. ~~One appointed UNLV administrative official.~~

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6. ~~One appointed classified employee.~~

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B. ~~The Board shall also consist of four (4) ex-officio, nonvoting members, which shall include:~~

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1. ~~The chief University administrator in charge of student affairs.~~

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2. ~~The Student Union Director.~~

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3. ~~One additional Student Union professional staff.~~

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4. ~~The CSUN President.~~

VII. SELECTING PROCEDURE FOR SELECTED STUDENT MEMBERS

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A. ~~The undergraduate student members of the Board shall be selected through an interview process by the Interview panel consisting of the Union Director, the ex-officio Union professional staff, outgoing Board Chairman, outgoing Vice-Chairman (provided neither one is reapplying), one Union Board member at-large, one CSUN representative nominated by CSUN President and approved by the Senate, one Organizations Board representative selected by its members, and two students at-large selected by the University Chief Administrator in charge of student services.~~

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B. ~~If the outgoing Board Chairman and/or Vice-Chairman are/is re-applying, he/she may nominate any other Board member as his/her designee to serve on the Interview Panel with the approval of the Interview Panel.~~

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C. ~~The Interview Panel shall submit its recommendation of the candidates to the Union Board for confirmation.~~

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~~VIII. APPOINTING PROCEDURE FOR APPOINTED MEMBERS~~

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~~An Appointment Committee shall consist of the Chairman Select, Vice Chairman Select, Union Director, the ex-officio Union professional staff, and the remaining two selected at-large students. This committee is charged with the task of nominating and selecting the persons who will fill the various appointed positions on the Board.~~

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~~IX. REMUNERATION~~

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~~The Chairman of the Board shall receive a Regents' Grant-in-Aid and an additional stipend from the Union's operating budget. All student members shall also receive a monthly stipend. These stipends are determined by the Board and approved by the Union Director.~~

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~~X. IMPEACHMENT~~

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~~A. Charges may be brought against any selected member of the Board by any student.~~

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~~B. A simple majority of the Board shall cause the establishment of an Impeachment Committee to study and report findings to the Union Board.~~

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~~C. The Impeachment Committee shall consist of one (1) Board member, the chief University administrator in charge of student affairs or his/her designee, and one (1) Justice of the CSUN Judicial Council.~~

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~~D. The Board shall vote on the findings of the Impeachment Committee. Board members may not vote at their own impeachment proceedings.~~

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~~E. A 2/3 affirmative vote of the Board shall be required to sustain impeachment charges.~~

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~~F. Suspension of impeachment charges shall cause the Board member to be immediately removed from office and forever barred from holding any Board office.~~

XI. REFERENDUM

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~~A. Board-referred proposals shall be presented to the student body through referenda.~~

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~~B. A simple majority of those voting in a referendum shall be required to pass a proposal.~~

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XII. INITIATIVE

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A. ~~Upon presentation to the Board of a petition that contains verified signatures of at least 10% of the student body, specific legislation that falls under the jurisdiction of the Board shall be voted on by the student body.~~

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B. ~~In order for initiative legislation to pass, it must receive a majority of the valid votes cast.~~

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C. ~~Voting for initiative legislation must be held within three weeks after receipt of initiative petitions.~~

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XIII. AMENDMENT

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Amendments to the Constitution shall require:

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A. ~~A 2/3 vote of the Board or passage through initiative legislation.~~

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B. ~~The approval of the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada System.~~

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XIV. ENACTMENT

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This Constitution, having been adopted by the Board, shall become effective immediately upon approval by the Board of Regents.

(B/R 4/87)