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Public Comment for the Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024

Email: jon.carpineta@csn.edu

Name: Jon Carpineta

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024

Agenda Item: Agenda Item 10c – NOMINATION, NEVADA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

I am in favor of the Board of Regents approving the nomination of Regent Stephanie Goodman for consideration and selection by the Governor for appointment to the Nevada State Board of Education as a non-voting member representing the Nevada System of Higher Education for a term of one year after the term expires for the position currently held by Regent Joseph C. Arrascada. Thank you to Regent Arrascada for his representation on the Nevada State Board of Education and to Regent Goodman for continuing to represent the Nevada System of Higher Education on the State Board of Education.

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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Email: armyveteran44@gmail.com

Name: Ryan Sanshuck

Representing someone other than yourself?: Sammy Sanshuck

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024

Agenda Item: Condemning Anti-Semitism Resolution

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

My name is Ryan Sanshuck. I am a US Army Veteran. I served in Iraq from 2006-2007. I am a Purple Heart Recipient and I received the Combat Action Badge.

I am also a UNLV Alumni and I am Jewish. I received my Bachelors in Poli Sci and my Masters in Social Work. I graduated with my Masters degree on 2016.

I am outraged by the anti-Semitism that is occurring on and off UNLV's campus. I am sickened by the fact that anti-Semitism is allowed on UNLV's campus. Jewish students are afraid to be visibly Jewish at UNLV. They are afraid of the anti-Semitic outside agitators that have affected our campus. These outside agitators don't care about students at UNLV. They seek to erase Jewish culture and heritage from Nevada's college campuses. They seek the destruction of the State of Israel and they seek to intimidate Jewish life at our college campuses. When I attended UNLV from 2005-2016, I did not experience any kind of anti-Semitism. I didn't observe any kind of racism either. UNLV was a chilled campus and everyone just wanted to have a fun time and to make their college experience an awesome experience. Now, these outside agitators from California and beyond have come to our campuses and created a hostile and toxic campus. The Free Palestine movement brought racism and bigotry to our campus. They have made Jewish students feel unsafe. And I loathe the fact they created this toxic environment at UNLV.
It is incumbent upon the Board Regents to create a safe environment for all students. This includes Jewish students. My son is one years old. He is Jewish and a son of a Purple Heart recipient. I would love for him to go to college in Nevada. He will benefit from the Purple Heart tuition waiver, since he is a son of a Purple Heart recipient. Passing this resolution would assure me that he would be safe and welcomed on Nevada's campuses. As a father, knowing my son would have a safe and enriching experience at a Nevada college would be a top priority for me. Thank you.

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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Email: brian.erling@renown.org

Name: Brian Erling

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024

Agenda Item: Personnel Session, Employment Agreement, President Brian Sandoval, UNR

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

On behalf of Renown Health, I am writing in support of Brian Sandoval as President of the University of Nevada Reno. During my tenure as CEO of Renown, President Sandoval has demonstrated unwavering support for our affiliation’s collective mission, to improve the health of our community. Together and under his leadership, we have expanded graduate medical education (GME), expanded clinical research opportunities, and focused on critical workforce development with the new affiliation between Renown and the Orvis School of Nursing.

Our relationship is symbiotic. Both organizations are better when we work together, but most importantly our community is better. With President Sandoval’s support, we are training more physicians, PAs, nurses, and other healthcare professionals to provide care to Nevadans and we are expanding access for the underserved.

We are only in the beginning of our journey to be a fully integrated academic health system, and it is my sincerest desire to continue on this path with the vision and support of President Sandoval. We have much work to do, and consistent and steadfast leadership are essential.

Thank you,
Brian Erling, MD, MBA
President & CEO, Renown Health

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes
Dear Board Members;

My name is Andrea Caldwell and I am writing in regards to the Desert Cross which was sculpted by my uncle, John Mason. The removal of the piece from the Oaks Park Art Center a year ago was tremendously traumatic to the family of Mr. Mason who passed away January 20, 2019. John grew up on a ranch in Hazen, Nevada and felt a deep connection to Fallon and its surrounds throughout his storied life.
The sculpture was later transferred to the Shepherd Gallery at UNR only to be returned once again to Fallon after the Oats Park Art Center opened. This was John’s desire and he personally visited the center to view the installation. John’s widow, Vernita, has been in close contact with me throughout this lengthy process as she has anxiously awaited this action. She has repeatedly and adamantly stated that ownership of the piece belongs with Fallon, Nevada.

I would strongly encourage the Board of Regents approve the gift of the Mason Cross to the City of Fallon in order to honor John Mason’s original gift and his family’s interest in ensuring that his piece remains on display in the Fallon community. My uncle wanted the Cross to be in Fallon from the outset of its creation. A piece of his heart was always in Fallon, Nevada; thus the Desert Cross.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this action.

Sincerely,
Andrea G. Caldwell

**Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate:** Yes

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Email: armyveteran44@gmail.com

Name: Ryan Sanshuck

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024

Agenda Item: Condemning Anti-Semitism Resolution

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

I am a Jewish UNLV Alumni and a Disabled Veteran. My name is Ryan Sanshuck. I am making another comment to implore the Board of Regents to take a stand against anti-Semitism. The anti-Semites do not get an opinion on what defines anti-Semitism. I and the Jewish community of Las Vegas have the final say on what anti-Semitism is. The Free Palestine movement wants to behave like Nazis and erase Jewish identity and culture from Nevada's college campuses. Israel is the embodiment of Judaism, and they seek to destroy it no matter the cost. It isn't about colonialism or oppressor vs. Opressed as they would put it. It is all about continuing what the Nazis did and finish the job what hitler started. They want free reign to intimidate Jews in our Community. Please take a stand and protect Jewish students by supporting these resolutions condemning anti-Semitism.

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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Email: rachel.herzl-betz@nevadastate.edu

Name: Rachel Herzl-Betz

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024

Agenda Item: Main Agenda Item 26

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

I am an Assistant Professor at Nevada State University, and I’m writing in opposition to IDEA committee item 8 and Main Agenda Item 26.

It isn’t inherently antisemitic to critique Israel. In fact, to ask more of our leaders is an inherently Jewish act of tikkun olam. As a people, we are called to help repair the world and we take that work seriously. According to a recent poll conducted by the nonpartisan Jewish Electorate Institute, 91% of Jewish voters agree that one can be both “pro-Israel” and critical of Israeli government policy, and 76% felt the same about Israel’s conduct of war. The IHRA definition cannot handle that level of nuance.

Luckily, we have two alternate definitions: the Jerusalem Declaration on Antisemitism and the Nexus Document, both of which acknowledge that criticism of Israel can be in good faith. These definitions were created by international Jewish organizations and allow us to condemn antisemitism without ignoring the harm that any nation state can inflict on others. That’s why more than 100 human rights groups, including three from Israel, advocate for these definitions instead of the IHRA’s.

I’ve been Jewish my entire life. I attended an elementary school where I was the only Jew and had children ask why they couldn’t see my horns. I’ve never experienced antisemitism at my place of work. My colleagues have only offered support, regardless of their positions on Israel
and Palestine. I know we’ve disagreed, and yet, we have dwelled together in the complexity of a disaster with no easy answers.

To my Jewish colleagues who have experienced harm: I believe you. I could never speak on your behalf. I only ask that you do me the same courtesy. Please don’t claim to represent my faith and my imagined relationship with Israel. Don’t protect me by taking away my freedom of speech. To my non-Jewish colleagues, I know you want to protect us. Please do so by protecting our ability to speak for ourselves and fight for a better world.

**Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate:** Yes

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I write in support of agenda item 26, the proposed amendment to the NSHE Code Title IV, Chapter 8, sections 1-2. This modification would enhance compliance with federal guidelines and with pending federal legislation to protect the civil rights of students, faculty and community members. Since the October 7 Hamas attacks on Israel, we have seen an historically unprecedented increase in antisemitic incidents around the world, nationally and in Nevada. A clear driver of this problem is a lack of awareness about what antisemitism is; many do not perceive a problem due to a lack of a clear definition of antisemitism. A recent survey, conducted on behalf of the Nevada Governor’s Advisory Council on Education on the Holocaust found that only 46% of the respondents said they understood the meaning of the term “antisemitism.” Pending bi-partisan legislation, the Antisemitism Awareness Act, seeks to address this problem through statute, noting that “antisemitism can have unique characteristics” depending on usage. This proposed definition is the result of an extensive, broadly consultative, global process of scholarly study over 20 years. The definition is, explicitly, not intended for the purpose of legislating what is or what is not acceptable speech; it is not a speech code, as the definition itself states. Leading advocates for this definition, including Ken Stern of the American Jewish Congress who was instrumental in drafting the definition and former American Association of University Professors President Cary Nelson, a stalwart defender of academic freedom, explicitly stated that this definition “should not be a basis for limiting what a professor, student or speaker can say.” The proposed code article amendment would not do that. It is intended to provide the historical context, to help agencies
such as the Board of Regents understand what might be implicit bias or systemic bias in this area.

**Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate**: Yes

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Email: danmorse@gmail.com

Name: Daniel Morse

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024

Agenda Item: Policy proposal to amend Title 4, Chapter 8, Sections 1 and 2

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

NSHE is rightfully concerned with combating antisemitism and all other forms of discrimination. However, as currently phrased, the motion would equate criticism of government actions (including the killing of innocent civilians) to discrimination. This is an unacceptable conflation and would severely restrict academic freedom, free speech, and teaching and learning about much of the world. I urge the Board to pursue the noble objective of combating discrimination in a way that does not infringe on the rights of students and faculty to engage in legally-protected free speech.

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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Email: peter.lachapelle@nevadastate.edu

Name: Peter La Chapelle, professor of history, NSU

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024

Agenda Item: Item 26, the proposed amendment to the NSHE Code Title IV, Chapter 8, sections 1-2

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

As a professor who teaches American history and has published on the antisemitic hatred espoused by mogul Henry Ford, senators Tom Watson and Robert Rice Reynolds, and America fascists such as William Dudley Pelley, I am writing to support passage of item 26, the proposed amendment to the NSHE Code Title IV, Chapter 8, sections 1-2. There is a deep need for better understanding of what antisemitism and how deeply it is embedded within the culture of society and, sadly, our own nation and its history. I strongly support the IHRA definition of antisemitism because, as a teacher and researcher, I believe it is the best working definition of this hatred because it gives firm historically-defined examples of the rhetoric that antisemites and demagogues within our society have used to stoke the flames of hatred.

The IHRA to me is the bare minimum that we should expect in terms keeping antisemitism from becoming an accepted mainstream form of public discourse. Please read it yourself. It is short. It just sets some basic parameters for judging whether speech or actions are antisemitic. It does not infer that criticism of Israel is somehow inherently antisemitic, but rather suggests that, in some contexts, extravagant claims against the state have formed a convenient substitute for old blood libels, as they did within the context of authoritarian, antisemitic Soviet-era anti-Zionist dogma. The IHRA, in fact, implicitly states that ”criticism of Israel similar to that leveled against any other country cannot be regarded as antisemitic.”
I cannot tell you how deeply saddened and dismayed that the leaders of my own faculty union, at this time of rising and violent antisemitism, have taken it upon themselves to oppose this item without a single instance of consulting or even raising the issue with the actual faculty. The NFA did NOT consult faculty about this issue and is not deserving, at this point, to serve as the voice of the faculty on this matter.

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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Email: CSDANFORTH@GMAIL.COM

Name: Courtney Danforth

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024

Agenda Item: BOR-26

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

I write in opposition to BOR-26. Antisemitism is contemptible and should be eliminated but the issue is not the expression of hate; the problem is the hate itself. I urge the BOR to strive for policies to eliminate hate (including antisemitism) rather than clumsily suppressing the core American value of free speech in general. This proposal is ineffective for the stated purpose and damaging to the project of knowledge-making in Nevada higher education. I enthusiastically support the project to reduce hate within NSHE, but this is not the way.

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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Email: marina.colacicchi@unlv.edu

Name: Marina Colacicchi

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024

Agenda Item: 26

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

Please vote “yes” on agenda #26 to implement the definition of the antisemitism to foster an inclusive environment for all students, faculty and staff at the educational institutions of the state of Nevada. The mere fact that we, as a community, have come to the point where a hostile environment towards a certain ethnic/religious group urges you to take action, is disheartening. In better circumstances, one would think, no separate definition of hatred towards a particular group would be necessary, given that the principles of equality, tolerance and respect would be applied fairly. Unfortunately, the recent events on our campuses call for a decisive and prompt action. Adopting the established definition will clarify the nature of this spreading hatred and threat, which, in its turn, will facilitate a much needed positive change in our places of work and studying. It is up to you to make that invaluable impact. Thank you!

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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Email: suewainscott@mac.com

Name: Susan Wainscott

Representing someone other than yourself?: I am representing only myself.

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024

Agenda Item: 26 POLICY PROPOSAL – HANDBOOK TITLE 4, CHAPTER 8, SECTIONS 1-2

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

I am opposed to this proposed amendment, and I urge the members to instead actively identify ways to encourage and support participation by all of NSHE in the trainings that are described in section 2 of this portion of the Handbook.

Adding only one definition for one set of biases to a section/ clause that mandates equal treatment, violates the spirit of that section by highlighting and thus elevating the defined characteristics above all the others.

Incorporating by reference a “working definition” may cause persons to perceive that the board is pre-approving any changes made to that working definition by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA). Incorporation by reference also runs the risk that the current working definition will not be available to view in the future, and persons instead locate a different version. This is particularly dangerous if the reference to the definition is moved from section 2 to section 1, as in this proposal.

IHRA explicitly states on their website that the working definition is non--legally binding, yet the proposed amendment moves the definition to a portion of our handbook that is used to define restricted actions.
The likely outcome of this amendment is a chilling of speech and self-censorship by both students and employees. We need more discussion in safe and respectful venues, not stifling of free speech. I fear that this proposed amendment will lead to a reluctance to engage in the important and difficult discussions that are necessary for learning, building empathy, reducing biases, and ending discrimination such as antisemitism.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue.

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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Email: akoos@unr.edu
Name: Agnes Koos
Representing someone other than yourself?:
Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024
Agenda Item: General Public Comment
In Favor / Opposed / Other: No Position stated – Concerned or Neutral
Comment:

Please reject the proposal to amend the Handbook's definition of discrimination. This proposal inflates and obscures the meaning of anti-discrimination and infringes on freedom of speech. It blurs the lines between being negative towards a group of people based on their ascriptive features and being critical of authoritarian or otherwise bad and dangerous governments. I wholeheartedly support the condemnation of hate speech against groups of people, but I think we have to maintain and safeguard our liberty to criticize bad, murderous policies and the officials who carry out those policies.

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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Email: gretadejong@mac.com

Name: Greta de Jong

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024

Agenda Item: 26–Handbook Revision, Anti-Discrimination

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

I oppose this revision because of its potential chilling effect on faculty and student speech. While I believe the Regents who introduced it are well intended, it plays into a right-wing project to undermine support for public universities by portraying them as hotbeds of antisemitism. Criticism of policies enacted by the government of Israel is not antisemitism. It is imperative that our campus communities remain free to discuss, debate, oppose, support, or critique the actions of the people in power in any nation, including our own.

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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Email: robvato@gmail.com

Name: Roberto Lovato

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024

Agenda Item: I believe that the adoption of the IHRA definition of antisemitism sets an extremely dangerous precedent and is a violation of free speech.

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

Equating criticism of the Israeli state with antisemitism leads us down the dark road of censorship and silencing and other anti-democratic policies that will destroy free speech.

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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Email: Renata.Keller@gmail.com
Name: Renata Keller
Representing someone other than yourself?:
Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024
Agenda Item: Agenda Item 26 Handbook revision, anti-discrimination
In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition
Comment:

I am a Jewish professor at UNR whose grandparents fled Germany to escape the Holocaust. I oppose limiting free speech and depicting criticism of Israel as antisemitism. I fear that limiting free speech will backfire and increase antisemitism on our campuses.

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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This e-mail was sent from a contact form on Nevada System of Higher Education (https://nshe.nevada.edu)
My name is Mara Langer, and I am the Director, Community Engagement in Northern Nevada, for Jewish Nevada. I am a member of the Nevada Governor’s Advisory Council on Education on the Holocaust. I am also a concerned parent of a raising college sophomore.

Within all my roles I am constantly in conversations with local community members who are concerned about the temperature and climate of today’s college campuses and our world stage. I counsel and support them with information to reassure them that our community is supported by Nevada, by our dignitaries, and our schools, on Local, County, State and Federal levels. I know this to be true from personal experience. I am proud to be a Nevadan during these difficult times.

I write to you today in support of agenda item 26, the proposed amendment to the NSHE Code Title IV, Chapter 8, sections 1-2. This modification would enhance NSHE’s compliance to protect the civil rights of students, faculty and community members on NSHE campuses. In so doing, it would support the System’s on-going efforts to provide a diverse, inclusive and tolerant educational environment and workplace.

While I fully support everyone’s First Amendment right to peacefully protest and gather, what is not acceptable is antisemitism and calling for violence against anyone.
Since the October 7 Hamas attacks on Israel, we have seen an historically unprecedented increase in antisemitic incidents around the world, nationally and in Nevada. A clear driver of this problem is a lack of awareness about what antisemitism is; many do not perceive a problem due to a lack of a clear definition of antisemitism.

I encourage the Board to support this Code amendment. It is reasonable, timely and necessary.

Thank you,
Mara Langer

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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Email: gauldena@unr.edu
Name: Alison Gaulden
Representing someone other than yourself?:
Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024
Agenda Item: Proposed amendment to BOR Handbook defining discrimination
In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

As a journalism instructor I urge the BOR to stop the amendment the BOR Handbook re: discrimination. While attacking antisemitism is a valuable, we cannot infringe on faculty/student 1st Amendment rights to free speech in doing so. Curbing the First Amendment doesn't protect or prevent antisemitism, it obfuscates the discourse needed to learn about discrimination of all people, regardless of religion or ethnic and racial identity. We can tackle antisemitism in other ways without infringing on the rights of all Americans to free speech and freedom of and from religion.

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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This e-mail was sent from a contact form on Nevada System of Higher Education (https://nshe.nevada.edu)
Date:       June 5, 2024
To:        Board of Regents
From:  Kent Ervin, Nevada Faculty Alliance
Subject: Agenda Item 20: Distribution of Student Registration Fees for 2025-2027

Agenda item 20 seeks approval of the distribution of student registration fees for the next biennium. This is how the institutions spend students’ money, so Regents should pay close attention. To ensure that student fees are used primarily for core instructional programs that provide value for students, NFA recommends that the universities be required to allocate a minimum of 70% of student registration fees to the State Operating category and that the community colleges be required to allocate a minimum of 75%.

In recent years, some institutions have diverted registration fees from the State Operating category, the core instructional budgets, into Capital Improvements, General Improvements, and Programs & Activities. These are more discretionary accounts that are not subject to the same restrictions as the State Operating Budgets.

The following table shows the student registration fees devoted to the State Operating Budget. Comparing the two research universities, UNR is allocating only 66.9% of registration fees to the core instructional budget versus 70.3% for UNLV. Because UNR has shifted more fees into Capital Improvements and General Improvements, UNR has $10 less per student credit to devote to instruction than does UNLV. The four community colleges also show a significant spread, from 73.5% for TMCC to 79.2% for CSN.

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Students pay per-credit fees primarily to support their classes. Students benefit from campus-wide student-support programs funded by the General Improvement fees, but the Legislative Audit
showed that some of those funds have been diverted to athletics and band. That was of concern to the auditors but apparently is still allowed after NSHE policy revisions in September 2023.

The Capital Improvement fees have been used for long-term bonding for construction as well as for maintenance such as roof replacements. At UNR, over $5 million per year of student Capital Improvement fees is dedicated to lease payments for the Business Building public-private partnership. When the PPP was approved by the Board of Regents in June 2023, UNR CFO Redding told Regents no new student fees were needed for the project, only the existing capital improvement fee. UNR is now requesting a new increase in the Capital Improvement fee in agenda item 20, as is WNC. (Both UNR and WNC should be asked to justify increases in Capital Improvement fees.) In the meantime, UNR is experiencing severe budget shortfalls in the operating budget, $12.5 million for FY2025 at the last report to faculty, after the budget cuts and position eliminations already made.

The three universities are required to allocate 15% to Student Access financial aid, and the community colleges must allocate 10%. To ensure that student fees are used primarily for core instructional expenses, it is reasonable to require that the universities allocate a minimum of 70% of registration fees to the State Operating category and that the community colleges allocate a minimum of 75%. These minimums should be raised to 75% and 80%, respectively, in the longer term. The new funding formula is expected to have an allocation based on headcount, addressing needs for student support services now funded by the General Improvement fee.

Thank you for holding the Presidents accountable in the use of students’ money.

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The Nevada Faculty Alliance is the independent statewide association of professional employees of the colleges and universities of the Nevada System of Higher Education. The NFA is affiliated with the American Association of University Professors, which advocates for academic freedom, shared governance, and faculty rights, and the American Federation of Teachers/AFL-CIO, representing over 300,000 higher education professionals nationwide. The NFA works to empower our members to be wholly engaged in our mission to help students succeed.
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Email: kent.ervin@nevadafacultyalliance.org

Name: Kent Ervin

Representing someone other than yourself?: Nevada Faculty Alliance

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024

Agenda Item: Agenda Item 41. Investment Committee Report on the Pooled Operating Fund

In Favor / Opposed / Other: No Position stated – Concerned or Neutral

Comment:

NSHE is very fortunate to have the Pooled Operating Fund of operational reserves, with a current market value of about $800 million, and to be able to distribute income earnings to the institutions. The stated long-term objective of the Fund is to provide a relatively stable stream of revenue that equals or exceeds the general rate of inflation. (https://nshe.nevada.edu/wp-content/uploads/file/BoardOfRegents/Handbook/COMPLETEHANDBOOKREV310.pdf#page=409)

The goal of the operating pool investments is regular income for distribution, not growth of principle as is needed for an endowment. Unfortunately, the fund has failed to achieve its objective, with an 11-month period in 2022-2023 with no regular monthly income distributions. (https://nshe.nevada.edu/html/wp-content/uploads/file/BoardOfRegents/Agendas/2024/05-may-mtgs/refs/inv/INV-5.pdf#page=34) That hurts the institutions, which should be able to rely on a regular stream of income from interest on their reserves. Cutting off those funds during a period of budget shortfalls was unfortunate.

The Pooled Operating Fund is currently invested in a mix of bonds and equities that leads to short-term volatility. With the current bond market supporting higher short and long-term interest rates at relatively low risk (including treasury inflation-protected securities at 2% above inflation), an expert high-level re-evaluation of the investment strategy and the income distribution methodology is in order.

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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Public Comment for the Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024

Email: johanna@jewishnevada.org

Name: Johanna Gruen

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024

Agenda Item: Agenda item 26

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

My name is Johanna Gruen, and I am the Program Coordinator, Community Engagement in Northern Nevada, for Jewish Nevada. I am also a licensed Clinical Psychologist in the State of Nevada, a community faculty member at UNR, and a concerned parent.

I write to you today in support of agenda item 26, the proposed amendment to the NSHE Code Title IV, Chapter 8, sections 1-2. This modification would enhance NSHE’s compliance to protect the civil rights of students, faculty and community members on NSHE campuses. In so doing, it would support the System’s ongoing efforts to provide a diverse, inclusive, and tolerant educational environment and workplace.

While I fully support and defend everyone’s First Amendment right to peacefully protest and gather, what is not acceptable is antisemitism and calling for violence against anyone. As a Clinical Psychologist who specializes in treating trauma and wrote a dissertation on the psychological impact of discrimination on young adults, I know the dangers any form of hatred can have on the developing mind. Furthermore, as the granddaughter of a German Jew who was kicked out of higher education during the Holocaust, I am no stranger to the stories of what can happen when antisemitism is tolerated on university campuses.

Since the October 7 Hamas attacks on Israel, we have seen a historically unprecedented increase in antisemitic incidents around the world, nationally and in Nevada. A clear driver of this problem is a lack of awareness about what antisemitism is; many do not perceive a problem due to a lack of a clear definition of antisemitism.

I encourage the Board to support this Code amendment. It is reasonable, timely and necessary.
Thank you,
Johanna Gruen, PhD

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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This e-mail was sent from a contact form on Nevada System of Higher Education (https://nshe.nevada.edu)
Dear Members of the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents,

President Sandoval has been an incredible leader of the University of Nevada, Reno, and I am writing in support of his tenure.

As the Mayor of Reno, I have been a huge supporter of the partnership between the City and the University to create the Mathewson University Gateway District Project, which will establish a much-needed link between Downtown Reno and the University campus. This project will not only help to expand the University's footprint and provide more opportunities to students, but also helps to foster economic growth in our downtown corridor. We are proud to have renamed North Center Street to "University Way" as a part of this partnership, and I look forward to seeing the project achieve its bold vision for our community.

I've also been excited to see new educational opportunities become available to our high school students during President Sandoval's tenure. The University's Collegiate Academy offers dual-credit classes in five schools across Reno, providing a low-cost option for high school students who want to begin their college journey early. Since 2020, the program continues to serve more and more students in the Washoe County School District, and I hope more schools in Reno will begin offering this program.
The City of Reno has always been a proud ally of the University, and our relationship has only grown under President Sandoval. It is my hope that you will renew President Sandoval's contract, so that we can both continue to find ways to partner and work together to improve our community and build up our future leaders.

Enthusiastically,

Mayor Hillary Schieve

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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This e-mail was sent from a contact form on Nevada System of Higher Education (https://nshe.nevada.edu)
Dear Members of the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents;

As the Mayor of Sparks, Nevada, I want to express my support of Brian Sandoval as the President of the University of Nevada, Reno.

President Sandoval has been committed to having the University build partnerships with local communities and government entities during his tenure, such as with the City of Sparks. Earlier this year, the University included Sparks as a part of their Urban Heat Mapping Campaign, along with a dozen other local and national stakeholders. This study will help our community understand where extreme heat is most affecting us and allow us to plan our neighborhoods better for future generations. The City of Sparks has also partnered with the Nevada Water Innovation Institute at the University to research advanced water purification technologies, helping to provide future methods to manage our communities' water quality and resources.

I'm also thankful that President Sandoval has worked to provide dual-credit options to our students at Reed High School. Students who enroll in the University's Collegiate Academy can get a head start on their college degree while they are still in high school, providing more options to those who want to pursue higher education early at a lower cost. This program continues to grow and expand each year, and we hope to see more Washoe County schools in
Sparks partner with the University to provide this option to our youth.

I hope you will consider renewing President Sandoval's contract as University President, and I look forward to building upon our partnerships with the University in the future.

Sincerely,

Mayor Ed Lawson

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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This e-mail was sent from a contact form on Nevada System of Higher Education (https://nshe.nevada.edu)
I commend the Board for taking on the issue of antisemitism, political harassment, and discrimination. Nonetheless, I oppose the Handbook Revision. Instead, I believe the Board is better guided by the proposed antisemitism resolution (agenda item 43). That resolution is more clear in both language and intention. Policy language is more difficult by far.

The vague language in this Handbook Revision proposal could easily have unintended consequences. The language can easily be interpreted to condemn any critique of certain governments "with a dominant religion or distinct religious identity." This would include Russia, for example. So I am not allowed to condemn Putin's authoritarian government for fear that a student of Russian heritage might interpret my criticism as discrimination? We need to be careful here. I am a CC Professor of English; as a teacher and writer with a lengthy publication record, I consider myself an English language expert.

I read over the Handbook Revision proposal (Title 4, Chapter 8, Sections 1-2) several times. I want to understand it, and in my heart I would like to support it; however, I can't. It is simply off the mark. Codified language must be immaculate in clarity in order to be effective. This proposal, while obviously well intentioned, does not achieve the necessary standard of clarity that we deserve in our policy language.

If there is doubt, we in academia must always favor academic freedom, free speech, openness,
and transparency.

Hate speech is not free speech. Antisemitism is not allowed under our current Handbook language.

The Board would do well to table this proposal.

**Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate:** Yes

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This e-mail was sent from a contact form on Nevada System of Higher Education (https://nshe.nevada.edu)
Dear Honorable Board of Regents:

I am writing to express my support for the WCSD high school students participating in the UNR concurrent enrollment college program.

Concurrent enrollment programs offer numerous benefits that are pivotal for the academic and personal development of young students. By engaging in college-level courses, students gain exposure to more rigorous academic standards and develop essential skills such as critical thinking, time management, and academic discipline. Having numerous options for advanced placement challenges beyond community college dual credit and advanced placement courses hone the voice of our students and families by providing them with choice and option. Additionally, the minimal cost and access via course offering of WCSD campuses has afforded expanded opportunity to students who have not previously viewed these opportunities as an option. These experiences not only prepare them for the demands of higher education but also instill confidence and a sense of achievement that can propel them toward future success. Moreover, concurrent enrollment programs foster a smoother transition to college by familiarizing students with the college environment, expectations, and resources. This early exposure helps demystify the college
experience, making it more accessible and less intimidating. Students who participate in these programs are often better prepared for the transition from high school to college, leading to higher retention and graduation rates in higher education.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly support the high school students in the concurrent enrollment college program through UNR. Their hard work and determination are truly inspiring, and the skills and experiences they gain will serve them well in their future endeavors.

Kristen McNeill, Ed.D
Interim Superintendent
Washoe County School District

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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Public Comment for the Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024

Email: Adams@edawn.org

Name: Taylor Adams

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024

Agenda Item: Personnel Session, Employment Agreement, President Brian Sandoval, UNR

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

I am writing in support of University of Nevada, Reno President Brian Sandoval's tenure, and ask that you approve the continuation of his role.

Since the beginning of President Sandoval's tenure, he has been steadfast in advancing the goals of the University, even amidst the turmoil of the COVID-19 pandemic. The University has seen incredible growth across the board, from an increase in student enrollment, administrative faculty, instructors, dorm buildings, and new educational facilities. With this growth, President Sandoval has also ensured that the University expands with intention, always thinking about what is right for the future of the institution as well as the communities in which they serve.

With the addition of the University of Nevada, Reno at Lake Tahoe campus, President Sandoval has created an epicenter for incredible scholarly research, teaching, artistry, and educational opportunities that were never possible before. The new Lake Tahoe campus has also maintained a focus on sustainability initiatives, helping to promote the conservation of the region while also becoming a beacon of future environmental innovation.

Under his leadership the University has built Nevada's Tech Hub, a partnership with the Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada (EDAWN) and over 60 local public-private entities focused on workforce innovation and clean energy development. With a $75
million appropriation from the U.S. Economic Development Administration and a $7.5 million match from the Nevada State Legislature's Interim Finance Committee, President Sandoval has helped bring our state closer to developing the "Lithium Loop", ensuring that Nevada is a leader in clean energy initiatives for a successful economic future.

On behalf of the economic development needs of this region, I would ask for your support of this application. If you have any further questions or concerns, I can be reached at (775) 829-3711.

Sincerely,

Taylor Adams
President & CEO, EDAWN

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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Public Comment for the Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024

Email: corlettojw@gmail.com
Name: Jesse Corletto
Representing someone other than yourself?: Jeremy Renner, Founder, RennerVation Foundation
Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024
Agenda Item: Personnel Session, Employment Agreement, President Brian Sandoval, UNR
In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor
Comment:

Dear Members of the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents,

My name is Jeremy Renner, and I am writing in support of University of Nevada, Reno President Brian Sandoval’s tenure as University President and ask that you approve the renewal of his contract.

President Sandoval has always kept his focus on what’s best for the students in our state. During the 2023 Nevada Legislative Session I was pushing to expand SB496, a bill that provided tax credit incentives to film productions in Las Vegas, to also include possible productions in Northern Nevada as well. President Sandoval was a steadfast supporter of this amendment, and saw it as an opportunity to benefit the University’s film students through internships and workforce pipelines in the film industry. While the bill did not receive a vote, President Sandoval has continued to work with my team and I on identifying opportunities for students to begin their careers in the film industry.

President Sandoval has also graciously offered the University of Nevada’s 4H Camp in Lake Tahoe as the campsite for the RennerVation Foundation’s 1st Annual Camp RennerVation event. This July, over 100 foster youth and at-risk youth will create lasting memories at zero-cost to themselves as we come together to provide bonding opportunities, outdoor activities,
and an uplifting environment all at the University at Lake Tahoe. None of this would be possible without the support of President Sandoval, and our team is excited to continue this partnership in the future.

I believe President Sandoval has the best interests of our youth and community in mind, and I hope to keep working with him in his current role as President of the University of Nevada, Reno.

Go Wolf Pack!

Jeremy Renner
Founder
RennerVation Foundation

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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This e-mail was sent from a contact form on Nevada System of Higher Education (https://nshe.nevada.edu)
Dear Members of the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents:

During his tenure, President Sandoval has reached out to the greater northern Nevada region. His tireless work on behalf of this area led PBS Reno to recognize him as our 2023 Extraordinary Philanthropist of the Year for his deep commitment and history of love for northern Nevada and the communities he serves. Throughout the judging process we spoke to so many of his closest friends and family, and learned firsthand how much of a good steward he is for our state. He has dedicated his life to public service, and we are fortunate to have him leading the University.

One of PBS Reno's main services in the community is education, and we have been pleased to see the University implement their Collegiate Academy program, which helps high school students obtain college credits while they finish their high school degree. This initiative, spearheaded by President Sandoval, is crucial for so many students who want to begin their college journey earlier, at less cost, and with support from their high school teachers, helping to provide the dream of a college education to those who may have not been able to achieve it previously.

PBS Reno is located on campus; we have also built tremendous workforce partnerships with
the university for internships and hiring recent graduates. We continue to see the student population improve and hone their skills thanks to the growth of the academic tools at their disposal. The university continues to grow, with their highest student enrollment ever and the development of new buildings and programs, and we are excited to be growing alongside them.

With his history of public service as a state legislator, judge, governor and now University President, Brian Sandoval has been a valued leader at so many levels. We are fortunate to have someone of his experience and caliber as the President of the University.

Sincerely,

Kurt Mische, CRMC/CRSM
President & CEO
PBS Reno

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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Email: kent.ervin@nevadafacultyalliance.org

Name: Kent Ervin

Representing someone other than yourself?: Nevada Faculty Alliance

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024

Agenda Item: Agenda Item 34 Revised Athletics Budget Reports

In Favor / Opposed / Other: No Position stated – Concerned or Neutral

Comment:

We greatly appreciate the effort to create a new, uniform budget reporting template for the Athletics Annual Reports. This will serve to allow Regents to hold the athletics programs at each institution accountable. The format will allow apples-to-apples comparisons.

Suggestions and questions
1) The “Transfers In” should be identified and itemized as to the source or type of funds. How much of these amounts will be classified as Direct Institutional Support in NCAA financial statements?
2) The “Transfers Out” should likewise be identified and itemizes as to the destination of the funds. How do these amounts show up in the NCAA financial statements?

DEFICITS
The projected deficits in reserves of negative $23 million for UNLV and negative $1.7 million for UNR for FY2024 are highly concerning. For UNLV, that is after a successful season with a bowl appearance—where were the costs overruns? For UNR, that is after annual infusions of $10 million per year in institutional support, given with the understanding that UNR Athletics would balance its budget. The CSN projected deficit of negative $329K is also serious given the smaller size of its Athletics program. How are UNLV, UNR, and CSN Athletics planning to cover these deficits without harming the academic mission?
Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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This e-mail was sent from a contact form on Nevada System of Higher Education (https://nshe.nevada.edu)
On behalf of the Latin Chamber of Commerce, I am writing in favor of President Sandoval’s leadership as the President of the University of Nevada, Reno.

President Sandoval spoke at one of our Business & Networking Luncheon events in 2023 and showed us why the University continues to be on the forefront of innovation and research here in Nevada.

President Sandoval understands the importance of making the University a welcoming and accessible space for underserved communities who want to pursue a college degree. A key aspect of President Sandoval’s 2023-2027 Strategic Plan is achieving Hispanic-Serving Institution status, which requires at least 25% of the student population to identify as Hispanic or Latino. Under President Sandoval, Hispanic and Latino enrollment increased from 21.3% in Fall 2020 to 23.9% in Fall 2023, putting the University on the trajectory to reach this designation by 2027.

President Sandoval has also helped to ensure that underserved students in high school have a low-cost option to begin their college journey early through the Collegiate Academy Program. This program provides dual-credit college courses for students in 29 high schools across Nevada and has given thousands of local students an accessible pathway to a higher education
that they otherwise might not have pursued.

As the premier business organization in the state of Nevada, I am proud to see President Sandoval remain focused on building workforce partnerships to help address shortages in key sectors of our economy. Graduates from the University have been the backbone of our innovative small businesses, medical practitioners, engineers, and more, with President Sandoval helping to secure the relationships and funding that students need to succeed after graduation.

President Sandoval has been an incredible steward for the University, and should continue to serve as University President.

Sincerely,

Peter Guzman
President & CEO
Latin Chamber of Commerce Nevada

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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This e-mail was sent from a contact form on Nevada System of Higher Education (https://nshe.nevada.edu)
Dear Members of the Board of Regents,

I am writing in support of the continued tenure of Brian Sandoval as President of the University of Nevada, Reno.

Under his leadership, President Sandoval has established Nevada’s Tech Hub, a partnership with over 60 public-private entities that are committed to building a self-sustaining and globally competitive full lithium lifecycle ecosystem entirely here in Nevada. The “Lithium Loop” is transformational for our state’s economy and will elevate Nevada as an essential part of our nation’s clean energy future. As a part of this initiative, the University is also focused on ensuring students are receiving the education and workforce development programs needed to meet the demands the clean energy transition requires.

I’ve been proud to work with President Sandoval to help secure federal funding for the University’s ALERTWildfire Program to rapidly deploy state-of-the-art fire camera infrastructure that helps first responders identify and mitigate wildfires across our state. This program has helped to provide critical information on thousands of wildfires in the last few years and will play a key role in the future of fighting wildfires.

The University has also sought to provide new opportunities to underserved communities,
such as the state’s Tribal population. President Sandoval helped to create Native Students LEAD, a one-week program that brings Indigenous students from across the state together to experience life in college and prepares them to achieve their higher education aspirations. The University is also committed to expanding its relationships with our Tribes, doing outreach on the new fee waiver for Native American students, as well as repatriate ancestral remains.

I have been proud to work alongside President Sandoval and hope that we can continue to work together to support the University and its students, the future leaders of our state.

Sincerely,

Catherine Cortez Masto
United States Senator

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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Name: Jennifer Kimball

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024

Agenda Item: 26. Handbook Revision – Antidiscrimination

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

I am an alumni of the UNLV History Program, M.A (British Empire focus)

I am very concerned that the addition of this language could be used to categorize criticism of the state of Israel as antisemitism, and target those are engaging in legitimate and informed political discourse

This resolution could potentially be used to limit freedom of speech and academic freedom, upon which our institutions are based. It could also exacerbate anti-semitism, and other forms of bigotry like anti-Arab hate, anti-Blackness, and xenophobia.

As historians, we know the methods, theories and technologies of colonialism, discrimination, oppression and violence and the means by which to study them.

There is no other country in the world that equates criticism of a state as discrimination against that state's people. I am opposed to the adoption of this resolution as it stands. We need a clear and broadly accepted definition that protects all members of our community without infringing on our inalienable rights.

Thank you for your time.
Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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This e-mail was sent from a contact form on Nevada System of Higher Education (https://nshe.nevada.edu)
Dear Regents,

I write in support of President Brian Sandoval of the University of Nevada, Reno. I urge that his contact be renewed.

President Sandoval has done a wonderful job as President, ushering the University through some very challenging times, including the COVID-19 pandemic. His vast experience in the public sector and the relationships that he has cultivated over the years bring a unique skillset to the position. The institution is definitely better off for it.

President Sandoval has also been a relentless advocate for the University at the Nevada Legislature in Carson City. He has made it a priority to personally meet with me several times to discuss the University’s needs and wants. He always comes prepared, ready to make the case for continued and enhanced investment.

While we don't know what the future holds, we do know that the University will be prepared to meet any challenge with President Sandoval at the helm. He is a tremendous asset to the state of Nevada and to the University. I urge renewal of his contract.

If I can be of further assistance or offer additional information, please feel free to reach out to
me at any time.

Sincerely,

Steve Yeager
Speaker of the Nevada Assembly

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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Email: galitrubinshtein@yahoo.com
Name: Galit Shkurenko
Representing someone other than yourself?:
Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024
Agenda Item: #26 yes
In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor
Comment:

Please vote “yes” on agenda item #26. This definition will not infringe on anyone’s right to free speech, but rather intends to facilitate the process of reporting clearly antisemitic incidents on our campuses.

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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Email: aubreyf@unr.edu

Name: Aubrey Flores

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024

Agenda Item: 13

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

Since Brian Sandoval became President, the University of Nevada has a renewed sense of purpose. As the original Land Grant University, we now have Nevada’s truest servant as our President. He often talks about Land Grant 2.0, the University existing to support the needs of Nevada.

The Renown, UNR Med affiliation helps address the healthcare professional shortage. A new State Health Lab is being built on our campus. Our Nursing programs are growing. Our School of Social Work is the fastest growing college and has a new home on our campus. Collegiate Academies provide Nevada’s high schoolers with the opportunity to take college courses in a familiar environment, showing some of our most underserved that higher education is within their academic and financial reach.

By acquiring the former Sierra Nevada University, we have the opportunity to play a significant role in sustainability, ensuring that Lake Tahoe is enjoyed for generations to come. The University brought industry leaders together for the Tech Hub Designation, creating the potential to be a global leader in lithium batteries and electric vehicle innovation. His advocacy at the federal and state level was pivotal in this process.

Our Indigenous and Hispanic communities at our University and within our state now have a connection point with our newly created Offices of Indigenous Relations and Latinx Community Engagement.

President Sandoval hired the right person and provided the much needed resources for our EOTIX Office to serve our University well.
All women’s sports now have their own locker rooms, supportive nutrition services, and coaches are compensated at the Mountain West median.
President Sandoval started the Digital Wolf Pack Initiative that helped bridge the digital divide.
Brian Sandoval built a reputation of service, integrity, and trust. His reputation now benefits the University and we are lucky to have him as our President. Please vote in favor of his contract renewal.

**Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate:** Yes

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Public Comment for the Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024

Email: jmhill@unr.edu

Name: Jennifer Hill

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024

Agenda Item: Amendment to Title 4, Ch 8, sections 1 and 2

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

This amendment to closely define antisemitism infringes on the free speech of citizens, students, and faculty members. While I respect the motivations behind it — presumably, efforts to keep our university system "safe" and to make all feel welcome there — the effect this change in definition will have is to chill and stifle academic and political freedoms of ALL stakeholders, including the Board of Regents! Please vote no!

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes
External Email:

Public comment submitted through NSHE Online form

Public Comment for the Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024

Email: cagol@unlv.nevada.edu

Name: Florian Vallecillo

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024

Agenda Item: Agenda item 26

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

My name is Florian Vallecillo and I am here to urge you to oppose the proposed revision of Handbook, depicted in agenda item 26. While the intention may be to combat discrimination, the adoption of the IHRA definition poses significant risks to free speech and academic freedom as mentioned by legal experts, national scholars, and even the original author of the working Definition, Kenneth Stern who stated that codifying this definition would lead campus administrators to "fear lawsuits when outside groups complain about anti-Israel expression, and the University doesn't punish, stop or denounce it." As highlighted by the ACLU, the IHRA definition is overly broad and could threaten protected political speech critical of Israel's government or supportive of Palestinian human rights. Stifling student's ability to critically discuss any government is a violation of the First Amendment. By equating legitimate criticism with discrimination, this revision threatens the open exchange of ideas on college campuses. The explicit consultation of the IHRA definition could lead to censorship and increased targeting of viewpoints that challenge prevailing narratives or governmental policies. As educators, students, and leaders, we must uphold the principles of free expression and intellectual diversity. We cannot sacrifice our constitutional rights the name of combating discrimination. Therefore, I urge you to reject the proposed revision and to uphold the values of free speech and academic freedom-protect open dialogue, academic discourse, and the foundation of democracy to discuss any government.

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes
External Email:

Public comment submitted through NSHE Online form

Public Comment for the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access Committee, June 6, 2024

Email: shanesl21@msn.com

Name: Shane Cooper

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access Committee, June 6, 2024

Agenda Item: 26

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

I write in support of agenda item 26, the proposed amendment to the NSHE Code Title IV, Chapter 8, sections 1-2. This is a reasonable measure to protect the Civil Rights of our students guided by the antisemitism definition that is endorsed by both Democrats and Republicans and used by over 40 governments. The Department of Education uses this as guidance as well. There is no attack on free speech and it is disgusting to see the blatant lies that some are spreading about a simple statement of support. If any other minority group was attacked the way Jews are being attacked at College institutions there would be no talk about free speech because we all know that Colleges would enforce the existing policies they have against hate speech. Shame on those that are trying to politicize this issue!! Jewish students and their family and friends are entitled to civil rights protections by the Dept of Education Title 6 as guided by the IHRA, however that is not the case at many Nevada institutions.

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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Public Comment for the Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024

Email: sihb2l@gmail.com

Name: Sihlio Brant

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024

Agenda Item: 26

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

As a parent of a son attending UNLV where there has been rampant unchecked antisemitism I write in support of agenda item 26, the proposed amendment to the NSHE Code Title IV, Chapter 8, sections 1-2. This is a reasonable measure to protect the Civil Rights of our students guided by the antisemitism definition that is endorsed by both Democrats and Republicans and used by over 40 governments. The Department of Education uses this as guidance as well. There is no attack on free speech and it is disgusting to see the blatant lies that some are spreading about a simple statement of support. If any other group was treated the way Jews are being treated there would be no talk about free speech because we all know that the College Presidents still have the ability to set policy on these matters. Shame on those that are trying to politicize this issue!! Jewish students and their family and friends are entitled to civil rights protections period.

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024

Agenda Item: Item 26 Anti-Discrimination Handbook Revision

In Favor / Opposed / Other: No Position stated – Concerned or Neutral

Comment:

I am extremely concerned that the Board of Regents would adopt any definitions of antisemitism that bar students and faculty from criticizing the state of Israel. From what I can tell, the IHRA states “criticism of Israel similar to that leveled against any other country cannot be regarded as antisemitic”. I’d like the board of regents to keep this in mind that students should be allowed to express their opinions when it comes to an apartheid ethno-state currently committing the most visible genocide most students have seen in their lifetime. Israel is not representative of the Jewish people, and they should not be treated as such. I sincerely hope the board of regents took similar actions to protect Jewish students when swastikas we painted in the CFA stairwell some years ago. In an academic institution such as UNR, students need to be able to make their voices heard when they know something is wrong. In no means should antisemitism be accepted, at all, but including the state of Israel in a definition of antisemitism is unacceptable. Israel prides itself on it Zion values more than anything and this genocidal policy cannot be enshrined within Judaism, and should not be protected under definitions of antisemitism.

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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Hello, my name is Lex Lowell, and I am here as an alumni to express my concerns about the proposed resolution around antisemitism by NSHE.

I believe they could potentially harm freedom of speech and academic freedom. The resolutions fail to effectively address antisemitism and other forms of bigotry on our campuses like Islamophobia, anti-Arab hate, anti-Blackness, and xenophobia.

I am deeply troubled by the unsafe environments being perpetuated by certain folks in our community aimed at sowing seeds of mistrust amongst us. Being Palestinian, or supporting their plight, is not antisemitic, and it is crucial that we do not conflate legitimate political discourse with hatred.

I urge the Board to not pass the resolutions as they stand or, at the very least, table them for further discussion. We need a clear, specific, and broadly accepted definition that truly protects all members of our community from discrimination without compromising our fundamental rights.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
Dear Regents,

I write with concern over the proposal to add the IHRA working definition of antisemitism and specific examples to the Handbook which governs the Nevada System of Higher Education. I teach European history at UNLV, as well as global histories of colonialism and decolonization. I teach in my classes not only about the long history of antisemitism in Europe, but about its most horrific twentieth century manifestations in the Holocaust. But I also teach courses on southern African history that touch briefly if substantively on technical and intellectual collaboration between apartheid South Africa and Israel, and contemporary parallels (backed by scholarship) drawn between the two.

However, adopting the IHRA definition deeper into the NSHE code has the potential to infringe, formally or otherwise, on freedom of speech across NSHE campuses. The IHRA definition, and the examples it uses, has been routinely weaponised in other contexts to conflate criticism of the actions of the Israeli government with antisemitism. The ACLU, the Middle East Studies Association, and the Association for Jewish Studies, as well as faculty advocacy groups in Nevada, have pointed out as much, and recommend against using the IHRA in guidance or codes.

I commend the board for its commitment to combatting antisemitism and other forms of discrimination, but urge them not to use a blunt instrument that has a history of being wielded against students and faculty—mere knowledge of which can have the effect of chilling speech and intimidating through on campus, regardless of its intentions.
My thanks for your consideration,
Jeff Schauer

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June 5, 2024

The Honorable Amy Carvahlo  
NSHE Board of Regents  
2601 Enterprise Drive  
Reno, NV 89512

Dear Chair Carvahlo:

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Sincerely,

Joe Lombardo  
Governor
June 5, 2024

Board of Regents
Nevada System of Higher Education
2601 Enterprise Road
Reno, Nevada 89512

Dear Members of the Board of Regents,

I am writing in support of the continued tenure of Brian Sandoval as President of the University of Nevada, Reno. President Sandoval has been steadfast in advancing the land-grant mission of the University, helping to bring higher education and advanced research opportunities to Nevada students, businesses, and institutions. As workforce needs in Nevada grow and evolve, the University has continued to educate and prepare high-quality graduates ready to take charge, fill workforce gaps, and lead Nevada into the future.

Under his leadership, President Sandoval has established Nevada’s Tech Hub, a partnership with over 60 public-private entities that are committed to building a self-sustaining and globally competitive full lithium lifecycle ecosystem entirely here in Nevada. The “Lithium Loop” is transformational for our state’s economy and will elevate Nevada as an essential part of our nation’s clean energy future. As a part of this initiative, the University is also focused on ensuring students are receiving the education and workforce development programs needed to meet the demands the clean energy transition requires.

I’ve been proud to work with President Sandoval to help secure federal funding for the University’s ALERTWildfire Program to rapidly deploy state-of-the-art fire camera infrastructure that helps first responders identify and mitigate wildfires across our state. This program has helped to provide critical information on thousands of wildfires in the last few years and will play a key role in the future of fighting wildfires. The ALERTWildfire Program is just one example of many that illustrates how dedicated the University is to creating innovative, practical, and technology-driven research under President Sandoval.

The University has also sought to provide new opportunities to underserved communities, such as the state’s Tribal population. President Sandoval helped to create Native Students LEAD, a one-week program that brings Indigenous students from across the state together to experience life as college students and prepares them to achieve their higher education aspirations. The University is also committed to expanding its relationships with our Tribes, helping to do outreach on the new fee waiver for Native American students, as well as repatriate ancestral remains.
As the Senior United States Senator for Nevada, I have been proud to work alongside President Sandoval and hope that we can continue to work together to support the University and its students, the future leaders of our state.

Sincerely,

Catherine Cortez Masto
United States Senator
June 5, 2024

To: NSHE Board of Regents

Dear Regents,

I write in support of President Brian Sandoval of the University of Nevada, Reno. I urge that his contact be renewed.

President Sandoval has done a wonderful job as President, ushering the University through some very challenging times, including the COVID-19 pandemic. His vast experience in the public sector and the relationships that he has cultivated over the years bring a unique skillset to the position. The institution is definitely better off for it.

President Sandoval has also been a relentless advocate for the University at the Nevada Legislature in Carson City. He has made it a priority to personally meet with me several times to discuss the University’s needs and wants. He always comes prepared, ready to make the case for continued and enhanced investment.

While we don’t know what the future holds, we do know that the University will be prepared to meet any challenge with President Sandoval at the helm. He is a tremendous asset to the state of Nevada and to the University. I urge renewal of his contract.

If I can be of further assistance or offer additional information, please feel free to reach out to me at any time.

Sincerely,

Steve Yeager
Speaker of the Nevada Assembly
June 4, 2024

Dear Members of the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents,

President Sandoval has been an incredible leader of the University of Nevada, Reno, and I am writing in support of his tenure.

As the Mayor of Reno, I have been a huge supporter of the partnership between the City and the University to create the Mathewson University Gateway District Project, which will establish a much-needed link between Downtown Reno and the University campus. This project will not only help to expand the University’s footprint and provide more opportunities to students, but also helps to foster economic growth in our downtown corridor. We are proud to have renamed North Center Street to “University Way” as a part of this partnership, and I look forward to seeing the project achieve its bold vision for our community.

I’ve also been excited to see new educational opportunities become available to our high school students during President Sandoval’s tenure. The University’s Collegiate Academy offers dual-credit classes in five schools across Reno, providing a low-cost option for high school students who want to begin their college journey early. Since 2020, the program continues to serve more and more students in the Washoe County School District, and I hope more schools in Reno will begin offering this program.

The City of Reno has always been a proud ally of the University, and our relationship has only grown under President Sandoval. It is my hope that you will renew President Sandoval’s contract, so that we can both continue to find ways to partner and work together to improve our community and build up our future leaders.

Enthusiastically,

Mayor Hillary Schieve
May 28, 2024

Nevada System of Higher Education, Board of Regents
University of Nevada, Reno
2601 Enterprise Road
Reno, NV 89512

RE: SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT BRIAN SANDOVAL

Dear Members of the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents;

As the Mayor of Sparks, Nevada, I want to express my support of Brian Sandoval as the President of the University of Nevada, Reno.

President Sandoval has been committed to having the University build partnerships with local communities and government entities during his tenure, such as with the City of Sparks. Earlier this year, the University included Sparks as a part of their Urban Heat Mapping Campaign, along with a dozen other local and national stakeholders. This study will help our community understand where extreme heat is most affecting us and allow us to plan our neighborhoods better for future generations. The City of Sparks has also partnered with the Nevada Water Innovation Institute at the University to research advanced water purification technologies, helping to provide future methods to manage our communities’ water quality and resources.

I’m also thankful that President Sandoval has worked to provide dual-credit options to our students at Reed High School. Students who enroll in the University’s Collegiate Academy can get a head start on their college degree while they are still in high school, providing more options to those who want to pursue higher education early at a lower cost. This program continues to grow and expand each year, and we hope to see more Washoe County schools in Sparks partner with the University to provide this option to our youth.

I hope you will consider renewing President Sandoval’s contract as University President, and I look forward to building upon our partnerships with the University in the future.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Ed Lawson
Mayor
May 23, 2024

Dear Honorable Board of Regents:

I am writing to express my support for the WCSD high school students participating in the UNR concurrent enrollment college program. Our students, who are undertaking the challenge of college-level coursework while still completing their high school education, demonstrate remarkable ambition, dedication, and potential.

Concurrent enrollment programs offer numerous benefits that are pivotal for the academic and personal development of young students. By engaging in college-level courses, students gain exposure to more rigorous academic standards and develop essential skills such as critical thinking, time management, and academic discipline. Having numerous options for advanced placement challenges beyond community college dual credit and advanced placement courses hone the voice of our students and families by providing them with choice and option. Additionally, the minimal cost and access via course offering of WCSD campuses has afforded expanded opportunity to students who have not previously viewed these opportunities as an option. These experiences not only prepare them for the demands of higher education but also instill confidence and a sense of achievement that can propel them toward future success.

The commitment of these students to further their education through concurrent enrollment is commendable. Balancing high school responsibilities with college coursework requires exceptional organizational skills and a strong work ethic. The ability to manage this dual workload speaks volumes about their resilience and determination. These attributes are invaluable as they progress in their academic and professional journeys.

Moreover, concurrent enrollment programs foster a smoother transition to college by familiarizing students with the college environment, expectations, and resources. This early exposure helps demystify the college experience, making it more accessible and less intimidating. Students who participate in these programs are often better prepared for the transition from high school to college, leading to higher retention and graduation rates in higher education.

It is also important to recognize the role of educators, counselors, and program administrators who support these students. Their guidance and encouragement are crucial in helping students navigate the challenges of concurrent enrollment and in maximizing the benefits of the program. The collaborative effort between high schools and colleges to provide these opportunities is a testament to the shared commitment to student success.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly support the high school students in the concurrent enrollment college program through UNR. Their hard work and determination are truly inspiring, and the skills and experiences they gain will serve them well in their future endeavors. I encourage continued support and investment in these programs to ensure that more students can benefit from this valuable educational opportunity.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

Kristen McNeill, Ed.D
Interim Superintendent
Washoe County School District
5 June 2024

Dear Board of Regents,

I am writing to express my strong support for Brian Sandoval, President of the University of Nevada, Reno, as part of his annual review. Under his leadership, significant strides have been made in fostering inclusivity and community engagement.

The establishment of the Office of Hispanic/Latinx Community Relations and the Nevada Small Business Development Center exemplifies President Sandoval's commitment to building stronger relationships with key stakeholders and promoting initiatives across a diverse community. These endeavors not only highlight minority business owners but also contribute to the overall growth and prosperity of our community.

President Sandoval's vision and dedication have been instrumental in advancing the university's mission of inclusivity, innovation, and excellence. I am confident that under his continued leadership, the University of Nevada, Reno will continue to thrive as a beacon of diversity and academic achievement.

Sincerely,

Melissa Saavedra
Deputy Director
Nevada Lieutenant Governor’s Office of Small Business Advocacy (OSBA)
MelissaSaavedra@ltgov.nv.gov
(775) 364-8036
5/28/2024

Dear Members of the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents,

I am writing in support of University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) President Brian Sandoval’s tenure, and ask that you approve the continuation of his role.

Since the beginning of President Sandoval’s tenure, he has been steadfast in advancing the goals of the University, even amidst the turmoil of the COVID-19 pandemic. The University has seen incredible growth across the board, from an increase in student enrollment, administrative faculty, instructors, dorm buildings, and new educational facilities. With this growth, President Sandoval has also ensured that the University expands with intention, always thinking about what is right for the future of the institution as well as the communities in which they serve.

With the addition of the University of Nevada, Reno at Lake Tahoe campus, President Sandoval has created an epicenter for incredible scholarly research, teaching, artistry, and educational opportunities that were never possible before. The new Lake Tahoe campus has also maintained a focus on sustainability initiatives, helping to promote the conservation of the region while also becoming a beacon of future environmental innovation.

Under his leadership the University has built Nevada’s Tech Hub, a partnership with the Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada (EDAWN) and over 60 local public-private entities focused on workforce innovation and clean energy development. With a $75 million appropriation from the U.S. Economic Development Administration and a $7.5 million match from the Nevada State Legislature’s Interim Finance Committee, President Sandoval has helped bring our state closer to developing the “Lithium Loop”, ensuring that Nevada is a leader in clean energy initiatives for a successful economic future.

President Sandoval has also launched the Collegiate Academy Program, building partnerships with 29 local high schools across the state to offer students the ability to take college level courses as they also work to complete their high school diploma. More than 5,200 students benefited from this program during the 2023-2024 Academic Year, providing them with the opportunity to learn about livestock production, economics, geology, college mathematics, and more as they get a head start on their college aspirations.

As the first Alumnus to be the President of the University of Nevada, Reno, I believe President Sandoval has the deep conviction and understanding of the institution required to continue leading the University towards success.

On behalf of the economic development needs of this region, I would ask for your support of this application. If you have any further questions or concerns, I can be reached at (775) 829-3711.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Taylor Adams
President & CEO, Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada
June 7, 2024

Board of Regents  
Nevada System of Higher Education

RE: President Sandoval Review

Members of the NSHE Board of Regents:

It is my understanding that you are performing a periodic evaluation of University of Nevada, Reno President Brian Sandoval. I am writing today to share my experiences in working with President Sandoval over the years and also our recent efforts to partner in building a new world class arena that will be the future home of Wolf Pack Basketball.

By way of background, I first began doing business in Nevada in 2011 when I purchased the Grand Sierra Resort, the largest integrated resort in Reno. That is also the same year that Brian Sandoval was sworn in as the 29th Governor of Nevada. I think we all remember the struggles our state was going through due to the Great Recession, and a lot of people thought I was crazy for buying the GSR at that time, but not Brian. He believed in my vision and he believed in me, and I am forever grateful for the support he gave me as I undertook the task of restoring the Grand Sierra to the former success it enjoyed when it first opened as the MGM Grand Reno. Through patience, investment and determination, the GSR is the top performing property in the Northern Nevada market.

Due to my success in Reno, I decided to increase my investment in Nevada by purchasing the SLS Las Vegas in 2017 and transformed it back into the Sahara that it originally opened as. Again, Governor Sandoval gave me encouragement and support as I took on a major project. It was around this time that I formally became a Nevada resident. Brian Sandoval’s enthusiasm for this state is contagious, and his pride in being a Nevadan had a lot to do with me officially leaving behind California which is where I have spent the majority of my life.

My family came to the United States from Cuba to build a better life. My parents left everything behind in Havana when Castro came to power because they saw how he was tearing the country apart and they were very outspoken about it. I am forever grateful to my parents that they made the choice to come to the United States.
because the things I have been able to achieve in this country are things I would have never been able to in Cuba. One of the major reasons why I have been able to continue my success and grow my business is because of all of my team members and people like Brian.

Let me be very clear, the only reason that I even considered building a new arena in Reno and partnering with the university is because of Brian Sandoval. Having him at the helm of the school gives me the confidence to take a big chance. I’m not asking the university to contribute a single penny in capital to construct the arena. I am going to build a venue to host the biggest names in entertainment and draw tens of thousands of new visitors to Reno, and at the same time give the Wolf Pack the home that they deserve and the students and fans a top tier venue where they will be able to form lasting memories.

As the largest Hispanic business owner in the state of Nevada, I take great pride in supporting education and providing my team members with opportunities to progress and advance their professional careers. I know that President Sandoval shares this same mission, and I will continue to do what I can to support him.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to my comments today. You have an outstanding leader at this university in Brian Sandoval and I hope you continue to support him in his mission to grow the reach and impact of the University of Nevada, Reno.

Sincerely,

Alex Meruelo
Owner, CEO
June 6, 2024

To the NSHE Board of Regents,

I am writing to express my full support for Brian Sandoval as President of The University of Nevada, Reno. President Sandoval’s innovative approach has brought new opportunities for collaboration and growth throughout the community. His commitment to fostering strong relationships with local partners has had a positive impact and led to additional opportunities for students to gain valuable real-world experience and for community members and programs to benefit from the expertise the University of Nevada, Reno has to offer.

Through engagement with multiple departments, Community Health Alliance was present at resource fairs, events, health-care summits, and various other events that were hosted at The University of Nevada, Reno this past year. Having a university that works in conjunction with local nonprofits has helped us find interns and employees who support our organization’s mission. I am confident that under President Sandoval’s guidance, the University of Nevada, Reno will continue to thrive and make a lasting impact in our community.

Sincerely,

Oscar Delgado, MSW, MUP
CEO, Community Health Alliance
May 31, 2024

Dear Members of the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents,

My name is Jeremy Renner, and I am writing in support of University of Nevada, Reno President Brian Sandoval’s tenure as University President and ask that you approve the renewal of his contract.

President Sandoval has always kept his focus on what’s best for the students in our state. During the 2023 Nevada Legislative Session I was pushing to expand SB496, a bill that provided tax credit incentives to film productions in Las Vegas, to also include possible productions in Northern Nevada as well. President Sandoval was a steadfast supporter of this amendment, and saw it as an opportunity to benefit the University’s film students through internships and workforce pipelines in the film industry. While the bill did not receive a vote, President Sandoval has continued to work with my team and I on identifying opportunities for students to begin their careers in the film industry.

President Sandoval has also graciously offered the University of Nevada’s 4H Camp in Lake Tahoe as the campsite for the RennerVation Foundation’s 1st Annual Camp RennerVation event. This July, over 100 foster youth and at-risk youth will create lasting memories at zero-cost to themselves as we come together to provide bonding opportunities, outdoor activities, and an uplifting environment all at the University at Lake Tahoe. None of this would be possible without the support of President Sandoval, and our team is excited to continue this partnership in the future.

I believe President Sandoval has the best interests of our youth and community in mind, and I hope to keep working with him in his current role as President of the University of Nevada, Reno.

Go Wolf Pack!

Jeremy Renner
Founder
RennerVation Foundation
Dear Members of the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents,

On behalf of the Latin Chamber of Commerce, I am writing in favor of President Sandoval’s leadership as the President of the University of Nevada, Reno.

President Sandoval spoke at one of our Business & Networking Luncheon events in 2023 and showed us why the University continues to be on the forefront of innovation and research here in Nevada.

President Sandoval understands the importance of making the University a welcoming and accessible space for underserved communities who want to pursue a college degree. A key aspect of President Sandoval’s 2023-2027 Strategic Plan is achieving Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) status, which requires at least 25% of the student population to identify as Hispanic or Latino. Under President Sandoval, Hispanic and Latino enrollment increased from 21.3% in Fall 2020 to 23.9% in Fall 2023, putting the University on the trajectory to reach this designation by 2027.

President Sandoval has also helped to ensure that underserved students in high school have a low-cost option to begin their college journey early through the Collegiate Academy Program. This program provides dual-credit college courses for students in 29 high schools across Nevada and has given thousands of local students an accessible pathway to a higher education that they otherwise might not have pursued.

As the premier business organization in the state of Nevada, I am proud to see President Sandoval remain focused on building workforce partnerships to help address shortages in key sectors of our economy. Graduates from the University have been the backbone of our innovative small businesses, medical practitioners, engineers, and more, with President Sandoval helping to secure the relationships and funding that students need to succeed after graduation.

I believe President Sandoval has been an incredible steward for the University of Nevada, Reno, and should continue to serve as University President.

Sincerely,

Peter Guzman
President and CEO
Latin Chamber of Commerce Nevada
Dear Members of the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents:

I am writing in regard to agenda items 13 & 29, supporting University of Nevada, Reno President Brian Sandoval’s continuation in his role.

During his tenure, President Sandoval has reached out to the greater northern Nevada region. His tireless work on behalf of this area led PBS Reno to recognize him as our 2023 Extraordinary Philanthropist of the Year for his deep commitment and history of love for northern Nevada and the communities he serves. Throughout the judging process we spoke to so many of his closest friends and family, and learned firsthand how much of a good steward he is for our state. He has dedicated his life to public service, and we are fortunate to have him leading the University.

One of PBS Reno’s main services in the community is education, and we have been pleased to see the University implement their Collegiate Academy program, which helps high school students obtain college credits while they finish their high school degree. This initiative, spearheaded by President Sandoval, is crucial for so many students who want to begin their college journey earlier, at less cost, and with support from their high school teachers, helping to provide the dream of a college education to those who may have not been able to achieve it previously.

PBS Reno is located on campus; we have also built tremendous workforce partnerships with the university for internships and hiring recent graduates. We continue to see the student population improve and hone their skills thanks to the growth of the academic tools at their disposal. The university continues to grow, with their highest student enrollment ever and the development of new buildings and programs, and we are excited to be growing alongside them.

With his history of public service as a state legislator, judge, governor and now University President, Brian Sandoval has been a valued leader at so many levels. We are fortunate to have someone of his experience and caliber as the President of the University of Nevada, Reno. I trust that you will continue to support him, and by extension our community, by approving his continuation in this role.

Sincerely,

Kurt A. Mische, CRMC/CRSM
President & CEO
PBS Reno
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Email: brian.erling@renown.org
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Representing someone other than yourself?:
Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024
Agenda Item: Personnel Session, Employment Agreement, President Brian Sandoval, UNR
In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

On behalf of Renown Health, I am writing in support of Brian Sandoval as President of the University of Nevada Reno. During my tenure as CEO of Renown, President Sandoval has demonstrated unwavering support for our affiliation’s collective mission, to improve the health of our community. Together and under his leadership, we have expanded graduate medical education (GME), expanded clinical research opportunities, and focused on critical workforce development with the new affiliation between Renown and the Orvis School of Nursing.

Our relationship is symbiotic. Both organizations are better when we work together, but most importantly our community is better. With President Sandoval’s support, we are training more physicians, PAs, nurses, and other healthcare professionals to provide care to Nevadans and we are expanding access for the underserved.

We are only in the beginning of our journey to be a fully integrated academic health system, and it is my sincerest desire to continue on this path with the vision and support of President Sandoval. We have much work to do, and consistent and steadfast leadership are essential.

Thank you,
Brian Erling, MD, MBA
President & CEO, Renown Health

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes
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Name: Jennifer Cordova

Representing someone other than yourself?: Oscar Delgado, CEO, Community Health Alliance

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024

Agenda Item: Personnel Session, Employment Agreement, President Brian Sandoval, UNR

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

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Name: Melissa Saavedra
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The establishment of the Office of Hispanic/Latinx Community Relations and the Nevada Small Business Development Center exemplifies President Sandoval's commitment to building stronger relationships with key stakeholders and promoting initiatives across a diverse community. These endeavors not only highlight minority business owners but also contribute to the overall growth and prosperity of our community.

President Sandoval's vision and dedication have been instrumental in advancing the university's mission of inclusivity, innovation, and excellence. I am confident that under his continued leadership, the University of Nevada, Reno will continue to thrive as a beacon of diversity and academic achievement.

Sincerely,
Melissa Saavedra
Deputy Director
Nevada Lieutenant Governor's Office of Small Business Advocacy (OSBA)

**Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate:** Yes

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This e-mail was sent from a contact form on Nevada System of Higher Education (https://nshe.nevada.edu)
My name is Jill Tolles, Executive Director for the Guinn Center, a statewide, nonpartisan policy research center affiliated with the University of Nevada, Reno. I am writing to express my strong support for the renewal of President Brian Sandoval’s contract.

I first stepped foot on the campus of the University of Nevada at the age of 19. Over the past 30 years, I have been a student, an instructor, and now a research partner through the Guinn Center. Throughout my time, there have been four presidents leading UNR. Each brought unique skills to their leadership that matched the times we were living in.

President Brian Sandoval is the exact kind of transformational leader we need for such a time as this.

He is a role model to the increasingly diverse student population we serve. I have personally witnessed how his personal story and welcoming interpersonal style continues to motivate and cast a vision for countless students who come to our university with all their hopes and fears.

He is a bridge builder. Brian Sandoval has a track record of bringing people from competition to consensus, demonstrating his leadership efficacy over his decades of service. That skill set has become even more crucial in this increasingly divisive world.
He is a producer. Under his leadership, we have seen new partnerships, growth, technological resources, and the expansion of the university’s influence in our community and state. One need only to exit the freeway and turn toward the campus to see the physical manifestation of those public-private partnerships and the way they are transforming our city.

President Sandoval’s visionary leadership has strengthened the University of Nevada, Reno, and enhanced its reputation and impact. His continued leadership is essential for maintaining momentum and achieving further progress. Therefore, I wholeheartedly support the renewal of President Brian Sandoval’s contract.

Jill Tolles  
Executive Director  
The Guinn Center  
jtolles@guinncenter.org

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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This e-mail was sent from a contact form on Nevada System of Higher Education (https://nshe.nevada.edu)
Dear Chair Carvalho, Vice Chair Downs, and members of the Board of Regents,

I write in support of Agenda item 29, Approval of President Brian Sandoval’s employment contract. President Sandoval has been an outstanding leader for the University of Nevada, the students, staff, and faculty, and the entire Wolf Pack Family throughout the State of Nevada.

Since the start of his tenure, President has been a proud advocate for students, including graduate students, helping to increase our stipends through the Nevada Legislature. President has brought a lifetime of political capital to this job, using it to advance the mission of the University on a variety of areas including: the Tech Hub designation, hosting the Lake Tahoe Summit, the Sierra Nevada University acquisition, funding for the State Public Health Lab, and much more.

When looking at the reputation of the University, President Sandoval has been at the helm of this major improvement, increasing community engagement, involvement with the K-12 school districts and other NSHE institutions, building relationships with private and public organizations, and engagement with University alumni. His love for the University permeates the entire campus and northern Nevada community, helping boost the standing of the Wolf Pack.
I can speak from my time serving as the ASUN Student Body President, as a graduate student, and faculty member at the University when I say that there is no leader better fit to guide our institution forward as we aim to finish the Wolf Pack Rising Strategic Plan. I can sincerely say that as a student and employee here at the University, President Sandoval cares deeply about each group within the Wolf Pack Family and is doing everything he can to ensure that we are successful.

I give President Sandoval my utmost support and hope that you will support agenda item 29 as well.

Thank you and Go Pack!

Austin Brown

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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Public Comment for the Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024

Email: pavelier20@yahoo.com
Name: Jaine Low
Representing someone other than yourself?:
Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024
Agenda Item: Vote YES on issue 26
In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor
Comment:
Stop the delay on issue 26 and vote yes.
Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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This e-mail was sent from a contact form on Nevada System of Higher Education (https://nshe.nevada.edu)
My name is David Shintani and I am the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education at the University of Nevada Reno. I am writing in support of President Brian Sandoval’s continuation as the President of the University of Nevada, Reno. President Sandoval is a truly transformative leader who is taking the University to the next level of excellence. I believe he is motivated, not by ego, but by his love for the institution and our state. Through his relationships with business and governmental leaders, he has elevated UNR from a regional university to university with statewide, national and international prominence. President Sandoval is a staunch advocate for students. The policies that he has implemented, including the distribution of iPads to all new students and the Collegiate Academy program, are aimed at increasing equitable access to a university education for all Nevadans. He has also used his influence to bring private and governmental funding to programs to the University that positively impact economic development. A good example is the influence he had on having the state be federally designated as a technology hub and on building private-public relationships around the new “lithium economy.” We hope that he will also be able to bring the new VA hospital to the UNR campus, which would help better leverage UNR’s medical, nursing, public health and social work schools to transform veteran’s health throughout the region. I strongly support the renewal of President Sandoval’s contract as UNR’s President.

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes
Public comment submitted through NSHE Online form

Public Comment for the Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024

Email: bella.osak@gmail.com

Name: Bella Osak

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024

Agenda Item: Agenda item #26

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

Please vote “yes” on agenda item #26! Your vote will help the process of reporting clearly anti-Semitic incidents on our campuses. It won’t violate the right for free speech in any way.

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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Public Comment for the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access Committee, June 6, 2024

Email: xyzeidman@gmail.com

Name: Alexandra Zeidman

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access Committee, June 6, 2024

Agenda Item: Agenda item 26 – anti discrimination

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

It is critical for the safety of Jewish and Zionist students that the definition of antisemitism is agreed upon. We must protect all students, including Jewish ones from discrimination, intimidation and harassment on campus.

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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Public Comment for the Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024

Email: larry@wineantiques.com

Name: Lawrence Gralla

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024

Agenda Item: Placement of statement on antisemitism.

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

It should be overwhelmingly obvious, with the rise of hate speech, by highly emotional and increasingly violent factions of university’s population, that a powerful, unambiguous statement deploring and restricting the use, in any form, of antisemitic language or intimidation be upfront and highly visible. The best place to stop it, is in the beginning, and with enforceable consequences. This not about free speech. The two most understandable statements are as follows, “Free speech does not give you the right to shout FIRE in a crowded theater!”. And my favorite, “The right to swing your fist, STOPS at my nose!”.

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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Email: emilee50@hotmail.com

Name: EmiLee Sperb

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024

Agenda Item: Issue #26

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

Please vote “yes” on Issue #26

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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Email: jennifer.flowers@yahoo.com

Name: Jennifer Flowers

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024

Agenda Item: Vote YES on issue #26!

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

Anyone who says ‘anti-Zionism’ is not ‘antisemitic’ is an antisemite. Israel is the only Jewish national in the world, and modern day Israel was established in Jewish holy lands as a place for one of the most persecuted peoples in the world to have a nation of their own. All of this is rooted in hatred and antisemitism; none in facts. Don’t allow hatred to prevail in Nevada.

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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Email: dramamomma@me.com
Name: Yafit Tulk
Representing someone other than yourself?:
Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024

Agenda Item: I am a Zionist American! I was born in Israel. I pay taxes here. I should have equal right and no hate!!

In Favor / Opposed / Other: No Position stated – Concerned or Neutral

Comment:
The word Zion is in our national anthem as the name of our country, Israel… Anti-Zionism means anti-Israel. I have about 100 family members living over there, where would you recommend they go if there was no Zion!!! Shame on you! This is America the land of the free. I don’t feel so free to show my Zionism. I was born there!!

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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Email: nmajorek@gmail.com
Name: Nathalie Majorek
Representing someone other than yourself?:
Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024
Agenda Item: The jewish people are integrally connected to the land of Zion, Israel. Voting no is allowing the haters to rewrite history and legitimize antisemitism
In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor
Comment:
The jewish people are integrally connected to the land of Zion, Israel. Voting no is allowing the haters to rewrite history and legitimize antisemitism
Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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Email: natalianoelle@gmail.com

Name: Natalia Wilk

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024

Agenda Item: #26

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

27 countries have Islam as a national religion for which their laws are based upon. Saying it is ok to be anti Zionist, but not antisemitic is like saying it’s ok to be anti Arab, but you can’t be anti Islam. Anti Zionism IS antisemitism.

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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Email: shalom.michael@gmail.com

Name: Michael Margolese

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024

Agenda Item: issue #26

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

Anti-Zionism is Anti-Semitism

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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Email: dabarney.md17@gmail.com
Name: Debora Barney
Representing someone other than yourself?:
Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024
Agenda Item: #26
In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor
Comment:
Please vote yes on #26
Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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This e-mail was sent from a contact form on Nevada System of Higher Education (https://nshe.nevada.edu)
Dear Members of the Board of Regents;

As an alumna, current student, parent of a student, and an employee who has worked on campus for over 24 years, it is with great pride that I would like to express my support of President Sandoval and his contract renewal as President of the University.

President Sandoval stepped into the role in August 2020 at a time when we and the entire world were dealing with the physical, mental, and fiscal impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. For taking on this role during such a profoundly difficult time, I applaud President Sandoval. For bringing to this role strength in leadership, compassion, transparency, and vision, I thank him.

It is clear when considering the good work that has taken place since the beginning of President Sandoval’s tenure that the best interests of the students of the University, the students of Nevada, and the citizens of the State are at the heart of his decisions and vision for the University. Be it the partnership with Renown, the Digital Wolf Pack Initiative, the Collegiate Academy, Tech Hub-Lithium Loop, State Health Lab enhancements, or the establishment of the Office of Indigenous Relations, his efforts make a positive difference for students of today, and lay the foundation for a greater University and State for decades to come. He has done all this and more while addressing fiscal issues, which are not of his own doing and we have not seen the likes of since the Great Recession of 2009-2010, with noted intention of protecting the mission of the University, the experience of students, while
minimizing harmful outcomes for all including faculty and staff. As a true public servant/servant leader, President Sandoval engages all with genuine interest, sincere intentions, and clear warmth, particularly when interacting with the students of the University. By renewing President Sandoval’s contract you ensure that his good work continues and that the future of the University and State is thriving.

**Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate:** Yes

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Email: ebrickerlv@gmail.com

Name: Elizabeth Bricker

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024

Agenda Item: 26

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

You cannot separate Israel from the Jews. Israel are the people as well as the state; Zionism is the right of the Jewish state to exist. Anti-Zionism is anti-Semitism. Any calls to end the state of Israel, any calls to boycott or divest from the state of Israel are calls against Judaism. Israel is our only friend in the Middle East. It is the only place where all religions, races & creeds are free and thriving in the Middle East. The people of the United States must do everything in our power to end the lies of colonialism, and to end the lies of genocide. Israel commits none of these crimes. These are the crimes that have been committed against the Jews and why Israel must exist. Free speech does not include calls for the extermination of a nation! Antisemitism is rampant in colleges around America and must be met head on with honesty. Anti-Zionism is plainly antisemitism and we cannot allow it to take hold.

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes
My name is Grace Michaelson and I am a rising 2L at the UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law. I grew up in Las Vegas and have lived and worked here nearly my whole life. Over the last year, I have been extremely impressed with my law school experience, and the professors, staff, and fellow students at the school. Like any great educational institution, the law school requires funding to make these things possible. I support the fee increase in the interest of keeping Boyd competitive and attractive to future students and professors who will benefit Las Vegas and Nevada as a whole.

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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Public Comment for the Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024

Email: jejacobson371@gmail.com

Name: Joseph Jacobson

Representing someone other than yourself?: Digital WolfPack Initiative

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024

Agenda Item: General Public Comment

In Favor / Opposed / Other: No Position stated – Concerned or Neutral

Comment:

The Digital Wolfpack Initiative provides important work for the student body by providing technology and assistance. I have seen how classes changed to using more and more technology, moving away from traditional methods of learning and increasing interaction and efficiency for students and faculty. I’ve personally been affected by them with their workshops, by helping me grow my interests within technology.

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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