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To: [Keri Nikolajewski](#); [Angela Palmer](#); [Winter Lipson](#)
Subject: Public Comment for the Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024
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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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Public Comment for the Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024

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.

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

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

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To: [Keri Nikolajewski](#); [Angela Palmer](#); [Winter Lipson](#)
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Email: seanrowe@fallonlegal.com

Name: Sean Rowe

Representing someone other than yourself?: Submitted on behalf of Andrea Caldwell

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

Agenda Item: 12. AGREEMENT FOR GIFT OF ART AND DEED OF GIFT TO CITY OF FALLON

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

430 Tranquil Dr
Sparks, NV 89441

June 3, 2024

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

Re: Proposed Gift of the Desert Cross to Fallon; NSHE Board Agenda

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

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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. Oppressed 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.

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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.

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Email: gregory.brown@unlv.edu

Name: Gregory Brown

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:

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.

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

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.

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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.

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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!

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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Email: mara@jewishnevada.org

Name: Mara Langer

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 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

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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.

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NEVADA FACULTY ALLIANCE

840 S. Rancho Dr., Suite 4-571
Las Vegas, Nevada 89106

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.

Lower Division Undergraduate Student Registration Fees Devoted to the State Operating Budget 2026-27		
Institution	Dollar Amount per Credit	Percentage of Total Registration Fee
UNLV	\$213.47	70.3%
UNR	\$203.18	66.9%
NSU	\$160.34	73.1%
CSN	\$105.75	79.2%
GBC	\$104.25	78.1%
TMCC	\$98.17	73.5%
WNC	\$102.01	76.4%

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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To: [Keri Nikolajewski](#); [Angela Palmer](#); [Winter Lipson](#)
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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.

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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

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Email: mayor@reno.gov

Name: Hillary Schieve

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:

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

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Name: Ed Lawson

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:

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

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Email: bsummerhill@tmcc.edu

Name: Bradley Summerhill

Representing someone other than yourself?:

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

Agenda Item: Handbook Revision, TITLE 4, CHAPTER 8, SECTIONS 1-2

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

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.

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Email: Kristen.Mcneill@WashoeSchools.net

Name: Kristen McNeill

Representing someone other than yourself?:

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

Agenda Item: NSHE Mission Differentiation

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

Comment:

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

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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

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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

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Email: EMoore@pbsreno.org

Name: Emily Moore

Representing someone other than yourself?: Kurt Mische CRMC/CRSM, President & CEO, PBS Reno

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:

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

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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?

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Email: beatriz@lvlcc.com

Name: Beatriz Saenz

Representing someone other than yourself?: Peter Guzman, President and CEO, Latin Chamber of Commerce Nevada

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 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

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

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Name: Cameron George

Representing someone other than yourself?: U.S. Senator Catherine Cortez Masto

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:

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Sincerely,

Catherine Cortez Masto
United States Senator

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

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Email: jennifer.kimballca@gmail.com

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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Email: Steve.Yeager@asm.state.nv.us

Name: Steve Yeager

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:

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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

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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

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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

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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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To: [Keri Nikolajewski](#); [Angela Palmer](#); [Winter Lipson](#)
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Email: sihb21@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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Public Comment for the Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024

Email: calitina44@live.com

Name: Cali Shy

Representing someone other than yourself?:

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 were 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 its Zionist values more than anything and this genocidal policy cannot be enshrined within Judaism, and should not be protected under definitions of antisemitism.

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Email: lexmlowell@gmail.com

Name: lex lowell

Representing someone other than yourself?:

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

Agenda Item: Proposed revision to the Handbook, Title 4, Chapter 8, Sections 1 and 2, concerning anti-discrimination policies.

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

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.

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To: [Keri Nikolajewski](#); [Angela Palmer](#); [Winter Lipson](#)
Subject: Public Comment for the Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024
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Public Comment for the Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024

Email: schauer7@gmail.com

Name: Jeff Schauer

Representing someone other than yourself?:

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

Agenda Item: Revision of handbook's definition of discrimination

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

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

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

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Office of the Governor

June 5, 2024

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

Dear Chair Carvahlo:

I'm pleased to write this letter in support of President Brian Sandoval of the University of Nevada, Reno. During his tenure, President Sandoval has been a strong advocate for his university and for higher education across the state.

Throughout my time as Governor, I have worked with President Sandoval on several initiatives to help support higher education statewide. From increasing funds for graduate medical education to help alleviate the medical care professional shortage, to increasing stipends for the NSHE graduate students, and securing the Tech Hub designation, President Sandoval has been an advocate for not only the students, staff, and faculty at the University of Nevada, Reno, but for everyone throughout the Nevada System of Higher Education.

President Sandoval has provided thoughtful counsel on education issues during my time in office, offering unique insights and helpful context as a former governor. I appreciate his intentionality and sincere love for Nevada.

I give President Sandoval my strongest support during his evaluation and look forward to working with him in the years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Lombardo".

Joe Lombardo
Governor

United States Senate

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.

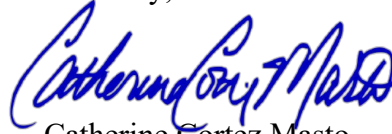
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As the Senior United States Senator for Nevada, I have been proud to work alongside President Sandoval and hope that we can continue to work together to support the University and its students, the future leaders of our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Catherine Cortez Masto". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Catherine" being the most prominent.

Catherine Cortez Masto
United States Senator

STEVE YEAGER
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State of Nevada Assembly

June 5, 2024

To: NSHE Board of Regents

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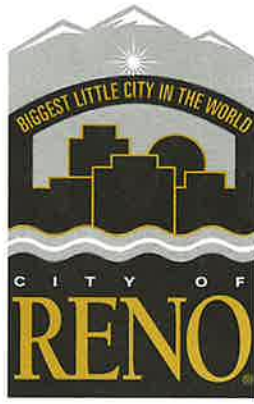
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If I can be of further assistance or offer additional information, please feel free to reach out to me at any time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Yeager".

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hillary Schieve". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mayor Hillary Schieve



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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ed Lawson', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Ed Lawson
Mayor



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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,

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

Sarah Johnson
Director



Melissa Saavedra
Deputy Director

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5 June 2024

Dear Board of Regents,

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Sincerely,

Melissa Saavedra
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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,



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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex".

Alex Meruelo
Owner, CEO

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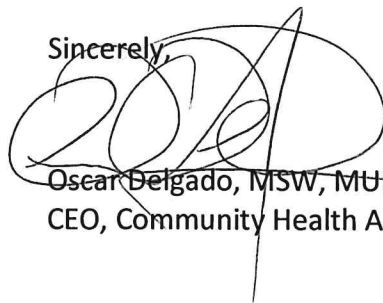
June 6, 2024

To the NSHE Board of Regents,

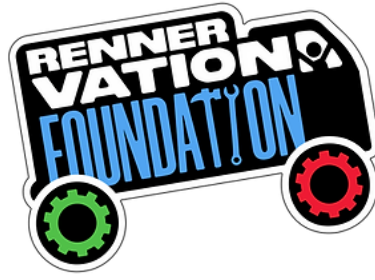
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Through engagement with multiple departments, Community Health Alliance was present at resource fairs, events, health-care summits, and various other events that were hosted at The University of Nevada, Reno this past year. Having a university that 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



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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

From: [NSHE](#)
To: [Keri Nikolajewski](#); [Angela Palmer](#); [Winter Lipson](#)
Subject: Public Comment for the Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024
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Public Comment for the Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024

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

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To: [Keri Nikolajewski](#); [Angela Palmer](#); [Winter Lipson](#)
Subject: Public Comment for the Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024
Date: Thursday, June 6, 2024 11:11:09 AM

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

Email: austindaly@unr.edu

Name: Austin Daly

Representing someone other than yourself?: Governor Joe Lombardo

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:

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Sincerely,

Joe Lombardo
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Email: JCordova@chanevada.org

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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CEO, Community Health Alliance

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Email: MelissaSaavedra@ltgov.nv.gov

Name: Melissa Saavedra

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

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Sincerely,

Melissa Saavedra

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

Email: jtolles@guinncenter.org

Name: Jill Tolles

Representing someone other than yourself?:

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

Agenda Item: #29

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

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
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Email: ajbrown@unr.edu

Name: Austin Brown

Representing someone other than yourself?:

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

Agenda Item: 29

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

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

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Subject: Public Comment for the Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024
Date: Thursday, June 6, 2024 12:24:06 PM

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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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To: [Keri Nikolajewski](#); [Angela Palmer](#); [Winter Lipson](#)
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Public Comment for the Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, June 6-7, 2024

Email: shintani@unr.edu

Name: David K Shintani

Representing someone other than yourself?:

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

Agenda Item: Item 29: Personnel, Session, Employment Agreement, President Brian Sandoval

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

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

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

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

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

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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Email: leslie@unr.edu

Name: Leslie Whittle

Representing someone other than yourself?:

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

Agenda Item: 29. Personnel Session, Employment Agreement, President Brian Sandoval, UNR

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

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

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Email: gracem17@unlv.nevada.edu

Name: Grace Michaelson

Representing someone other than yourself?:

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

Agenda Item: UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law Budget

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

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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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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Email: ljensen@tmcc.edu

Name: Lars Jensen

Representing someone other than yourself?:

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

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

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

With this comment, I'd like to voice my strong opposition to the proposed amendment to the Handbook's definition of discrimination. Freedom of speech is the right to express opinions without government restraint – is an indispensable part of human dignity, progress, and liberty. The proposed amendment infringes on the first amendment rights of the NSHE students and staff and it constitutes a suppression of free speech.

Criticism of the policies of a government cannot be equated to antisemitism. Opposing occupation and oppression is not antisemitism. The IHRA's definition of antisemitism conflates protected political speech with unprotected discrimination, and enshrining it into regulation will chill the exercise of First Amendment rights and risk undermining efforts to combat discrimination. The proposed amendment does not ensure the safety of Jews. On the contrary, weaponizing antisemitism risks making antisemitism a meaningless charge, and therefore much harder to combat.

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

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Email: robert.levrant@unlv.edu

Name: Robert Levrant

Representing someone other than yourself?:

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

Agenda Item: Item 26

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

I am writing in support of Item 26 with regard to antisemitism. I am the chair of the Jewish Faculty and Staff group at UNLV and have witnessed and heard about a number of antisemitic incidents on campus that have been all too common since October.

Opponents of this measure argue that it limits free speech. It does not. Contrary to a widely held misconception, “hate speech” is generally protected by the First Amendment. This has been established law for over a hundred years. Only if the speech fits within one of the categories of unprotected speech can it serve as a basis for disciplinary action against the speaker. For example. Speech that infringes on the First Amendment rights of others (“heckler’s veto”) is not protected speech. In this case, the February disruption to Professor Asaf Pe’er’s presentation infringed upon the first amendment rights of him as well as those in attendance who chose to learn about astrophysics. This is true regardless of whether or not the speech was anti-semitic.

Despite the accusation, the definition does not prohibit any form of speech, has no enforcement mechanism, but is simply a tool for identifying antisemitism. The phrase “Globalize the Intifada” calls for people from around the globe to participate in rising up against Jews worldwide. This phrase was chanted on campus on multiple occasions, as well as the phrase “Intifada revolution” and “from the River to the Sea,” all regarded by most Jewish People as antisemitic. Adoption of this measure would not prohibit it from being said. The

protesters are still allowed to say it. However, a statement by the university described this protest as “civil,” a word that likely would not have been used had the IHRA definition approved in 2022 by this body been effectively applied. It is for this reason that I support Item 26.

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:

My name is Ryan Sanshuck, I am a UNLV Alumni a Disabled Veteran, and a Purple Heart recipient.

I would like to add one more comment for record. These Students foe Justice and Palestine are anti-Semitic. They mask their anti-Semitism by standing up for the oppressed and they are against Settler Colonialism etc. They are anti-Semi, bottom line. Everyone that is for a Free Palestine is anti-Semitic. When they chant "from the river to the sea", they are calling for the Final Solution against Jews. They want Jews to wiped out. They want to finish what Hitler started. Hajj Amin al-Husayni, the Mufti of Jerusalem, the leader of the Palestinian people during World War 2, was a ally and friend of Adolf Hitler. That is right, the leader of the Palestinians at that time was an open Nazi ally and he helped in implementing the Final Solution against Jews during the Holocaust. He also helped recruit Muslims into the Nazi Wehrmacht and SS. There is also evidence from the precursor to the CIA saying that Palestinians helped Nazi War criminals escape justice. This is the Palestinian Movement in a nutshell, they are so dense in anti-Semitism today, nothing has changed. Their hatred for Jews and the modern incarnation of a Jewish State has not changed. And yet they come to Public Comment and they are the ones that are going to define anti-Semitism? No sir, anti-Semites do not get to define anti-Semitism. These modern day nazis don't get a seat at the table and have an opinion on what anti-Semitism is. It is imperative that NSHE adopt the resolution that defines anti-Semitism as defined by the IHRA. It is important to listen to Jews, Jewish

students, Alumni, Jewish community members and Residents of Nevada. We get to define what anti-Semitism is. Please protect Jewish students on our Nevada campuses. Nevada isn't in Gaza, so Jewish Nevadan students shouldn't be harassed by what is happening in Gaza.

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:

My name is Ryan Sanshuck, I am a Purple Heart Recipient and I also received a Combat Action Badge from my tour in Iraq

I would like to post more details in my public comment. A lot of these groups that operate out at UNLV, UNR, and our Nevada campuses, a lot of these activists are paid activists. They are paid outside agitators meant to foment anti-Semitism on our campuses. For example, the director of Mojada_Inc is a paid activist from outside Nevada, and she moved here to rabble rouse. She is a paid outsider who earns a living by demonizing Israel and harassing Jewish students. She has established several Palestinian proxy organizations with the sole intent of causing a disturbance on our Nevada campuses. Her group, and the Students for Justice of Palestine, and the fifth sun project, and the red desert collective, they are different names and groups, but they share the same anti-Semitism and anti-Israel hate. Their sole purpose is to intimidate and harass Jewish students.

Unfortunately, we have UNLV faculty that are anti-Semitic and are self hating Jews. Yes, it is unfortunate that we have Jewish students who buy into the Palestinian cause non-sense, and they are taught to hate their religion and their own ethnicity. Shame, really. I hope they one day find the light to not be self-hating.

I should also note, that Palestinians themselves are some of the worst homophobic out there in

the world. They will kill and imprison Palestinian Queers and LGBTQ. That is why I am perplexed why anyone who is Queer will support a group of people who will murder them in a heart beat. Queers for Palestine makes as much sense as Chickens for Popeyes Chicken.

Please pass the resolution to protect Jewish students. Thank you.

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

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Email: jwebber@unr.edu

Name: Jim Webber

Representing someone other than yourself?:

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

Agenda Item: Public Comment

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

My name is Jim Webber, and I direct UNR's English concurrent enrollment program. I'd like to provide my perspective on teacher preparation and qualifications. When the program began 3 years ago, I wasn't sure how I'd replicate our preparation for new instructors, which includes a summer orientation, graduate coursework, and professional development. But as I worked with teachers, I realized two things. One is that I could deliver the content of our graduate course, our mentoring, and our professional development through biweekly meetings with new teachers. Returning teachers participate in assessment and mentoring. The Clark County School District recognizes these meetings by awarding continuing education credits. Two, teachers come to the partnership with expertise in instruction, which most of our new instructors don't have. When we combine the teachers' strengths with the program's, we can do things we couldn't do before. For example, over the last 2 years, everything from the major projects to the informal assignments of our courses have been revised. We can see when we have incorrectly assumed that students already knew how to do something, and our adaptations for CE have helped us teach our on-campus students more effectively. We don't get to have these kinds of conversations on campus because there is not dedicated time.

I share these examples to show how my perspective has shifted. My focus now is not whether CE is equivalent to on-campus teaching but rather how the partnership has improved our program. I'm grateful for the investments NSHE and UNR have made in this program, and I want to continue to develop the partnership. I would be happy to share our materials so you

can see how we prepare new teachers and develop returning teachers over multiple years. As someone who has prepared new instructors for the last 12 years, I can say that the CE process is more robust than what we do on campus. Thank you for the opportunity to speak today.

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

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Email: marinacolacicchi@gmail.com

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:

As you weigh your decision on the issue #26, please keep in mind that there were times and places in history where antisemitism began as anti-Zionist movement and ended in death, torture, and discrimination of millions of people.

The so-called called anti-Zionist movement in the USSR began not long after the Holocaust and shortly after Israel broke ties with the USSR and became an American ally. Gradually, all antisemitic campaigns in the Soviet Union led to executions, imprisonment, exile, decades of religious persecution, and, after the last synagogues were closed, to widespread systematic professional and educational discrimination. These campaigns were aimed at Soviet Jews who had no possibility to establish ties to Israel, immigrate, or practice religion. Inevitably, Soviet Jews were accused of all types of crimes and were linked to “Zionism and the Western capitalist in global conspiracy”. The movement has eventually turned into a violent discrimination of a group of people based on “their shared ancestry or ethnic characteristics”.

Sadly, today’s so-called anti-Zionist movement also has political and ideological aims. While those opposing the issue #26 are trying to disassociate anti-Zionism from antisemitism, those who actually studied history, know all too well where it is going to lead.

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

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Email: igor.osak@gmail.com

Name: Igor Osak

Representing someone other than yourself?:

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

Agenda Item: Please vote “yes” for item #26. Voting “yes” will help report antisemitic incidents on campuses! And won’t violate the free speech

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

Please vote “yes” for item #26. Voting “yes” will help report antisemitic incidents on campuses! And won’t violate the free speech

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

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Email: linanygauz@yahoo.com

Name: Lina Neygauz

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:

Voting “yes” for agenda item #26 will allow to report antisemitic incidents on campuses. It won’t violate the free speech

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

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Public Comment for the Audit, Compliance and Title IX Committee, June 6, 2024

Email: sliebman@unr.edu

Name: Susan

Representing someone other than yourself?: Liebman

Meeting: Audit, Compliance and Title IX Committee, June 6, 2024

Agenda Item: General Public Comment

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

I am in favor of anything that can stem the tide of rising antisemitism. Moving the definition of antisemitism to the introduction section of the Nevada System of Higher Education's Board of Regents Handbook will highlight this problem and help everyone recognize and respond to antisemitic actions on campus more quickly and uniformly. It is a small step to take to make Jewish (and non-Jewish) students, faculty and staff feel that the University recognizes the crisis and is not going to let antisemitic acts go unnoticed or unpunished. Rejecting the amendment will have just the opposite effect.

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: mpickesq@gmail.com

Name: Marc Picker

Representing someone other than yourself?:

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

Agenda Item: Item 26, Handbook Revision, Anti-Discrimination

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

I urge the Board of Regents to approve the revision to Title 4, Chapter 8, Sections 1 and 2, and to adopt International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of “antisemitism” in order to assist the University system in addressing discrimination (including antisemitism) based on (i) shared ancestry or ethnic characteristics, or (ii) citizenship or residency in a country with a dominant religion or distinct religious identity. Antisemitism is dangerously on the rise in our nation, and has been experienced on both the UNLV and UNR campuses. It is imperative that the Board of Regents take strong measures to recognize this issue and protect students from hate crimes and hate speech with the direct intention of causing either physical or psychological harm. While Freedom of Speech on college campuses is a fundamental right which must be protected, it is clear that antisemitic (as well as anti-Islamic speech) crosses the line when it places students in fear. Adoption of the IHRA definition will allow University administrators to delineate speech which is not protected and which must be addressed for the good of all students. Unfortunately, we are facing speech that is most often uninformed and/or purposely inaccurate and all too often with the sole purpose of creating division and mistrust based solely on stereotypes and hate. Protecting free speech is important, but so is the safety of the system's students while maintaining an atmosphere where everyone can learn and succeed.

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

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Email: panypoura@gmail.com

Name: Pany Poura

Representing someone other than yourself?:

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

Agenda Item: Anti-semitism

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

Comment:

I'm a Jewish Zionist American woman that wants the school system to be fair

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

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Email: elaine_silverstone@yahoo.com

Name: Elaine Silverstone

Representing someone other than yourself?:

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

Agenda Item: Public Comment re: Agenda Item #8 Resolution Condemning Antisemitism at NSHE Institutions

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

Opinion | Don't Blame Israel First As reports come out of the Biden administration about cease-fire talks between Israel and Hamas, bear in mind that the goal of one side in the discussions remains the elimination of the sovereign nation of Israel.

Hamas's 1988 charter continues to call for Israel's destruction.

Ali Khamenei, supreme leader of the Islamic Republic of Iran, whose wealth subsidizes Hamas's military operations, has said, "The perpetual subject of Iran is the elimination of Israel from the region." It remains so.

Despite the recent emergence of cease-fires as a means to end wars, active military conflicts on this scale typically don't end this way. More often, cease-fires occur when the opposition has effectively been defeated, as Germany and Japan were in World War II.

The debate over the terms of the current Israel-Hamas cease-fire proposals turns mainly on whether a stop to the fighting would be permanent or temporary, following a hostage and prisoner exchange. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu says he wants to reserve the right to resume fighting against Hamas.

Pointedly, the Biden administration's proposal for a six-week cease-fire includes the withdrawal of Israeli forces from populated areas in Gaza. Such a departure surely would be interpreted as a victory for Hamas, and in particular for its military leader, Yahya Sinwar.

Mr. Sinwar, the primary architect of the Oct. 7 invasion, who presumably resides inside the Gaza tunnel system, should be seen as the central figure in the conflict, more important to its

resolution than Mr. Netanyahu or President Biden.

Recent news reports have suggested that Hamas's so-called political leadership in Qatar is more amenable to ending the conflict than is Mr. Sinwar – continue reading at WSJ OPED WONDER LAND BY DANIEL HENNINGER https://www.wsj.com/articles/dont-blame-israel-first-hamas-terrorism-yahya-sinwar-9295fc95?st=o22yeb1we1nomej&reflink=article_copyURL_share

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Email: johnnlouie@gmail.com

Name: John N. Louie

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 Favor

Comment:

I am writing in favor of the the Regents passing the Amendment to where and how the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Working Definition of Antisemitism is located and enforced in the NSHE handbook. I am a retired faculty advisor to the Jewish student group Hillel of Northern Nevada, former Chair of the Hillel of Northern Nevada nonprofit Community Board, and Past President of Temple Sinai in Reno. I have been told again and again over decades by Jewish NSHE students, faculty, and staff that they have suffered repeated antisemitic attacks, insults, and illegal discrimination by other students, faculty, and staff at NSHE institutions. Most antisemitic incidents have gone unreported, as Jewish students and staff are aware from painful experience of the general ignorance at NSHE campuses of the serious nature and long-term effects of antisemitism. Jewish students do not by and large feel accepted and safe at NSHE institutions, solely because of their religious affiliation and cultural background. This Amendment seeks to move the stated IHRA definition of antisemitism to the introduction section, which includes the Regents' statement on inclusivity. By approving the Amendment, the Regents can take a first necessary step to better inform the entire NSHE community of the continuing problems of antisemitism at our institutions. As well, the definition will be more easily accessible to call out antisemitic actions on the campuses.

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

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Email: rubalcabap.ricardo@gmail.com

Name: Ricardo Rubalcaba Paredes

Representing someone other than yourself?: Myself

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

Agenda Item: Agenda Item 26

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

Hi, my name is Ricardo Rubalcaba Paredes, and I am an alum of the University of Nevada, Reno.

On November 3rd, 2022, 128 Leading Scholars in Anti-Semitism submitted a statement addressing the UN, asking the organization not to adopt IHRA's definition of anti-Semitism. In the statement Dr. E.Tendayi Achiume, former UN Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of Racism, described the language of this definition as vague and incoherent.

For example, the definition states that manifestations of anti-semitism can not include criticism of Israel similar to that leveled against any other country. However, the definition also states that denying the Jewish people their right to Self-Determination, such as by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavor, contradicts the previously mentioned statement. This definition conflates the dependence of Jewish identity with the existence of the apartheid state. We are not here today denying Jewish individuals' right to self-determination. However, I ask the committee, what about Palestinian's right to self-determination. Moreover why are you not taking action to protect both your Jewish AND Palestinian and other SWANA student populations?

I ask that you table agenda item 26 and that NSHE work to adopt protections, such as the Jerusalem declaration that is responsive to the present moment and inclusive of Palestinians,

Jewish, and other historically marginalized student bodies.

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

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Email: lfriick@unr.edu

Name: Lauren Frick

Representing someone other than yourself?:

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

Agenda Item: BOR 26: Handbook revision, anti-discrimination

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

Dear Regents:

I am a recent graduate of UNR, having just received my Master's degree in English. One thing I have learned over the course of my studies is that language is powerful and definitions are important. I have also learned that language has consequences. Clearly, that is the reason for this item of discussion. However, I have also learned that language is fluid and need not be constrained to one fixed definition that upholds a particular agenda. Firstly, I believe that it is essential to state that the condemnation of bigotry and hate speech against marginalized people, including Jewish people, on Nevada campuses is something to be of concern. However, I believe that the IHRA definition of anti-semitism that is considered being adopted threatens students' rights to protected free speech against government policies, as it conflates political speech with hate speech. Adopting this definition of anti-Semitism will enforce repression of free speech, ultimately punishing students for engaging in anti-war and anti-genocide protests and sentiments. Criticism of a government is political speech, not hate speech. Further, if we are to truly address discrimination on Nevada campuses, we must also address the discrimination that BIPOC students experience regularly. The goal here is to protect students, not punish them. Palestinian students exist too, and they too must be protected as they and others speak in favor of Palestinian rights.

I urge the Board to not pass this resolution as it stands or, at the very least, table it 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.

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

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Email: karikokka@gmail.com

Name: Kari Kokka

Representing someone other than yourself?:

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

Agenda Item: IDEA-8 and BOR-26

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

I am submitting public comment in opposition to proposals IDEA-8 and BOR-26. I vehemently condemn antisemitism, just like I condemn racism, xenophobia, misogyny, transphobia, discrimination against dis/abled people, and all forms of bigotry and violence. However, I oppose IDEA-8 and BOR-26 because they may be weaponized in ways that may fuel McCarthy-era-style witch hunts. IDEA-8 and BOR-26 may frame faculty and students calling for a ceasefire to stop a genocide as antisemitic due to the imprecise nature of IHRA's working definition of antisemitism. Framing those who criticize an ongoing genocide as antisemitic threatens first amendment rights to free speech. As an institution of higher education, UNLV must remain committed to free speech and critical thinking. UNLV's Top Tier 2.0 Mission states, "We create value for the individuals and communities we serve by fostering a climate of innovation, stimulating economic diversification and workforce development, promoting social justice and inclusion of all voices, and enriching cultural vitality." Proposals IDEA-8 and BOR-26 threaten this mission by singling out a specific group for protection that is not explicitly afforded to others (Why is there no specific condemnation of anti-Blackness, anti Asian American bigotry, anti LGBTQIA+ violence, and so forth?). IDEA-8 and BOR-26 call into question NSHE's commitment to equality for all. Of course, I want Jewish students to be protected, just like I want Black students, Palestinian students, AAPI students, Latine students, Arab American students, trans students, queer students, students with dis/abilities, etc. to be protected. These proposals threaten UNLV's mission of "promoting social justice and inclusion of all voices, and enriching cultural vitality." I urge

you to reject IDEA-8 and BOR 26 in order to support all students of UNLV's diverse population and to defend free speech, which may include criticism of a government, policies, and/or ideology, etc.

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Email: jencourrier@gmail.com

Name: Jennifer Courrier

Representing someone other than yourself?:

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

Agenda Item: #26 Voting in favor of this definition of antisemitism does not infringe upon anyone's right to free speech, but allows the process of reporting clearly antisemitic incidents on our campus. You cannot separate anti Zionism from antisemitism. I cannot even believe that this is even a question. I implore you to consider to vote in favor of this definition. If this was any other minority group there would be no question on what to do in this instance which would be to protect them. Do not let us down from being protected and adopt this definition.

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

#26 Voting in favor of this definition of antisemitism does not infringe upon anyone's right to free speech, but allows the process of reporting clearly antisemitic incidents on our campus. You cannot separate anti Zionism from antisemitism. I cannot even believe that this is even a question. I implore you to consider to vote in favor of this definition. If this was any other minority group there would be no question on what to do in this instance which would be to protect them. Do not let us down from being protected and adopt this definition by voting yes.

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:

Ryan Sanshuck, decorated Veteran, UNLV Alumni, and Jewish resident of Nevada.

There is a problem with the Jerusalem Declaration on anti-Semitism. It is a Declaration that gives a green light to commit anti-Semitism. It justifies the slogan "From the River to the Sea". Depending on who asks, for example if you ask Hamas terrorists, "From the river to the sea" means Murder Jews from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea. According to the Jerusalem Declaration on anti-Semitism, this wouldn't be anti-Semitic.

Another item it mentions it is perfectly okay to call Israel an "Apartheid State" and Settler Colonialism. So any Jewish person who wishes to reside in the Holy Land is engaging in Settler Colonialism, and they are trying to oppress the indigenous Palestinians. Painting Jews as the 'bad guys' for wanting to live in Israel is not anti-Semitic, according to this Declaration.

Adopting the BDS is not anti-Semitic either, according to the Jerusalem Declaration. Boycotting Jewish products and Jewish businesses inside and outside Israel is not anti-Semitic, according to the anti-Semites. Harassing Jews in their place of worship isn't anti, according to the anti-Semites.

The last part of the Jewish Declaration is weird. I am quoting the last part of the Declaration: "Criticism that some may see as excessive or contentious, or as reflecting a "double standard,"

is not, in and of itself, antisemitic. In general, the line between antisemitic and non-antisemitic speech is different from the line between unreasonable and reasonable speech." I have questions.

So justifying their hypocrisy is not anti-Semitic? So the last part is that there isn't a line drawn in the sand to determine what is and what isn't anti-Semitic speech? Did I get that right? So saying that Jews should be kicked out of Israel, expelled to the Countries whence they came IS NOT anti-Semitic speech, and it is as clear as drawing a line and saying this isn't anti-Semitic speech? I am confused here.

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

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Email: nikipah2010@gmail.com

Name: Kinneret pahima

Representing someone other than yourself?: Jewish students

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

Agenda Item: #26

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

I'm Kinneret Phima in favor of item 26.
IHRA definition is NOT preventing from free speech just helping protect the Jewish and Israeli students from antisemitism slurs and acts against them.

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

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Email: acourrier@gmail.com

Name: Adam Courrier

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:

This issue needs to be clearly defined.

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

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Name: Hamutal Gavish

Representing someone other than yourself?:

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

Agenda Item: Item # 26

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

In favor of item #26!

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

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Email: elisellsvegas@gmail.com

Name: Eliezer Mizrachi

Representing someone other than yourself?:

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

Agenda Item: Item #26

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

I'm in favor of item #26 as the IHRA definition does not prevent free speech.

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

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Email: anayat@unr.edu

Name: Anaya Neadeau

Representing someone other than yourself?:

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

Agenda Item: IDEA Item 8 and BOR Item 26

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

My name is Anaya Neadeau and I will be entering my third semester at the University of Nevada, Reno. I am writing in opposition of Items 8 and 26 from the IDEA and BOR respectively. Adopting the definition of antisemitism from the IHRA would mean any student protesting the ongoing genocide in historic Palestine will be punished as partaking in hate speech, despite the fact that Zionism and Judaism are not the same concept. Instead of focusing on conflating a settler colonial ideology with an ethno-religion, NSHE needs to focus on combating the discrimination of the students of color at NSHE institutions, especially in light of the recent incidents of white students using racial slurs (such as the N-slur) on campus with minimal to no repercussion.

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

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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:

I'm in favor item #26

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

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Name: James west

Representing someone other than yourself?:

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Agenda Item: #26

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

The IHRA does not prevent free speech. It prevents racial language and derogatory terms, prevents antisemitism and thus prevents violence against, Jews – a minority group. Free speech is intended to be respectable and civil and not hurtful to a select group of people. Thank you.

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Email: shirli.brautbar@ncsc.edu

Name: Shirli Brautbar

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:

I am urging you to vote in favor of adopting the Board of Regents Agenda item 26 to take a strong stance against antisemitism on college campuses. I am a professor at Nevada State who publishes and teaches classes about antisemitism, the Holocaust, Jewish and Middle Eastern history. My Jewish son attends an NSHE institution as a Freshman. I do not claim to speak for all Jews no one possibly could. What I can tell you is that over 360 major worldwide Jewish organizations representing millions of Jews from 66 countries support the IHRA definition. Every major Jewish denomination in The US supports it, over 550 American Rabbis, and all the major Jewish organizations that represent millions of American Jews. Those who do not support IHRA are certainly entitled to voice their opinion and be heard but as they themselves are aware they represent a fraction of the Jewish people. So the vast majority of the group that is the target of hate supports this definition, do their voices matter. This not some radical definition meant to quell free speech, it is the one that guides the Department of Education when they investigate civil rights abuses against Jews at college campuses. NSHE's support of this agenda item would help to further align NSHE institutions with the guidance of the Department of education. The IHRA definition of antisemitism has been endorsed by Trump, Biden, and many others. Over 73% of American Jewish students on college campuses have experienced antisemitism and this is data from the Fall of 2023. The situation has only worsened since then. My grandparents Pinchas and Sabina escaped Poland before the Holocaust. They saw the writing on the wall and fled as refugees. All of their family and friends that remained in Poland were murdered. I feel their spirit with me today . If they were

alive and saw what was happening in the United States they would be asking the question that millions of Jews across the US are asking, are Jews still safe in America

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

Email: oshencher@yahoo.com

Name: Orly Shencher

Representing someone other than yourself?:

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

Agenda Item: In favor of Item 26 which does not prevent free speech but does protect against antisemitism.

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

In favor of Item 26 which does not prevent free speech but does protect against antisemitism.

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

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Email: lamiyaredzic@gmail.com

Name: Lamiya Redzic

Representing someone other than yourself?:

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

Agenda Item: Being critical of a rogue state, and its ongoing commitment to genocide is not antisemitic. It is antisemitic to equate Jewish-ness with occupation, apartheid, and genocide. It is antisemitic to commit war crimes and slap a Star of David on your flag as you're committing them. But to be critical of Zionism and its false use of Jewish symbolism in its evil, is not antisemitic. And YOU KNOW THAT.

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

I am commenting 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.

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

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Email: leighgsteinberg@gmail.com

Name: Leigh G Steinberg

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:

I'm in favor item26. The IHRA definition of antisemitism does not prohibit free speech, rather it prohibits hate speech, and will help all Jewish and Israeli students feel safe on campus.

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

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Email: info@lvgea.org

Name: Tina Quigley

Representing someone other than yourself?:

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

Agenda Item: Agenda Item #29 – 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,

On behalf of the Las Vegas Global Economic Alliance (LVGEA), we would like to express support for President Brian Sandoval's leadership as the President of the University of Nevada, Reno.

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We are also thankful that President Sandoval has prioritized building relationships with communities in Southern Nevada during his tenure. Earlier this year, President Sandoval announced a \$1.7 million partnership with the University of Nevada, Las Vegas to help address health, social, and environmental challenges across Clark County. This strategic partnership demonstrates the commitment that President Sandoval has to improving the wellbeing of others, regardless of where in the State they reside.

President Sandoval is an indispensable leader for the University of Nevada, Reno, and we support his continuation as President.

Sincerely,
Las Vegas Global Economic Alliance Executive Committee
Clark Wood, Chair
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Name: Kate St-Pierre

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:

the definition of antisemitism does 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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Name: Tiffany

Representing someone other than yourself?: Schneider Raff

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

Agenda Item: Observing definition of antisemitism

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

Adopting this helps protect Jewish students from antisemitism, and keep our general community safe. It is not an affront to free speech but a way to preserve our community from violence.

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Name: Lauren Candela

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 support item number 26, preserving values already codified in law. Thank you.

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

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Nevada Senate

June 6, 2024

Board of Regents

Nevada System of Higher Education

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Dear Members of the Board of Regents,

I am writing to express my support for the extension of President Brian Sandoval's contract for an additional four years. As the Senate Majority Leader and a proud alumna of the University of Nevada, Reno, I have seen President Sandoval's leadership and dedication on display as he advances the goals of the State and the institution, making substantial strides in critical areas over the past four years.

Under President Sandoval's tenure, the University of Nevada, Reno has seen growth in several important categories, including student enrollment, instructors, administrative faculty, dorm buildings, and educational facilities. His commitment to expanding educational opportunities and enhancing academic excellence has fortified UNR's reputation as one of Nevada's premier institutions of higher learning. This growth is essential not only for the university, but for the broader goal of preparing a highly skilled workforce, which is pivotal for Nevada's economic development.

One of President Sandoval's significant achievements is his visionary leadership in partnering with industry leaders to establish Nevada's Tech Hub. This initiative is a testament to his forward-thinking approach and dedication to integrating cutting-edge technology and innovation into UNR's educational framework, which will strengthen national security and lay the

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foundation for new jobs across Nevada. By fostering partnerships and creating opportunities for hands-on learning, President Sandoval has ensured that UNR's graduates are well-equipped to meet the demands of the economy of the future.

Moreover, President Sandoval has been a champion for diversity and inclusion at the University of Nevada, Reno. His efforts have brought the university to the cusp of being designated as a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) and an Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution (AANAPISI). These milestones are indicative of his commitment to creating an equitable, inclusive, and supportive educational environment that reflects the vibrancy and diversity of Nevada.

In conclusion, I strongly urge the Board of Regents to approve President Sandoval's contract extension. His leadership, dedication, and commitment to academic and technological advancement make him the ideal leader to steer UNR towards even greater achievements. I am proud to work alongside President Sandoval as a member of the Wolf Pack family and confident that under his continued leadership, the University of Nevada, Reno will reach new heights. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicole J. Cannizzaro", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Senator Nicole J. Cannizzaro
Majority Leader
Nevada State Senate



June 6th, 2024

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Name: Aviv Raff

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:

In favor of #26

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Email: mbricker66@gmail.com

Name: Michael Joseph Bricker

Representing someone other than yourself?:

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

Agenda Item: Agenda item number 30

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

Dear Members of the Nevada Board of Regents,

I am writing to present a critical evaluation of the proposed 99-year ground lease for the property in question. While this arrangement offers certain benefits, it falls short of maximizing the potential value of the property compared to an outright sale.

Based on recent sales in the area, the property holds a valuation of nearly \$250 million if sold outright. Utilizing these funds immediately could facilitate significant capital projects that would directly benefit our students in the near term, rather than spreading the benefits over several decades.

The current lease proposal offers lower payments in the early years, coinciding with the property's development and initial valuation increases. However, this structure does not adequately account for inflation beyond the next few years, potentially diminishing the long-term financial benefits.

Additionally, it is important to note that the UNLV Master Plan, which has so far been more aspirational than actionable, does not stand to gain from this lease agreement in a meaningful way.

I urge the Board to carefully consider these points and explore alternatives that could more effectively leverage the property's value for immediate and impactful benefits to our students and institution.

Sincerely,
Michael Bricker

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

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June 6, 2024

Board of Regents
Nevada System of Higher Education
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Sent via email

Re: Agenda Item #26, Handbook Revision



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Greetings Chair and Members of the Board of Regents:

The ACLU of Nevada (ACLUNV) is devoted to defending and advancing civil liberties and civil rights for all Nevadans. Our organization does not take positions on international conflicts and defends the rights of speakers to engage in constitutionally protected speech, even when that speech is disagreeable. To be clear, any and all xenophobic speech is reprehensible and should be called out, but we remain opposed to government attempts to chill and/or censor constitutionally protected speech.

However, in response to the above-mentioned agenda item which proposes revisions to NSHE's handbook to specifically incorporate the IHRA's working definition of antisemitism, it remains unclear how NSHE intends to actually apply this proposed policy. The briefing paper for this item references using the IHRA's working definition of antisemitism as a means of establishing evidence of discriminatory intent pursuant to Executive Order 13899. Immediately thereafter, the same briefing paper explicitly states that consideration of this definition shall not interfere with the First Amendment or any local, state, or federal law. Using the IHRA's working definition of antisemitism to establish evidence of discriminatory intent in the context of speech while simultaneously stating the policy shall not interfere with the ability for those to engage in the specific speech described as antisemitic within the IHRA, which remains constitutionally protected, does not diminish confusion but exacerbates it.

The briefing paper seems to suggest that handbook revisions are necessary to address discrimination based on shared ancestry or ethnic characteristics, or citizenship or residency in a country with a dominant religion or distinct religious identity, but NSHE already maintains a policy providing protections for actual or perceived national origin, race, color, and religion.¹ While NSHE previously used the IHRA's working definition of antisemitism for purposes of providing anti-bias training, using the IHRA's working definition of antisemitism to establish evidence of discriminatory intent is legally problematic for a number of reasons, namely that it conflates protected political speech with unprotected discrimination and without conduct related considerations that would make such speech unprotected. As you are aware, speech that is a matter of public concern, no matter how *offensive* it might be, is at the core of First Amendment protection and reflects "a profound national commitment to the

¹ Nev. Sys. of Higher Educ., Title 4, Chapter 8 § 14(A)(1).

principle that debate on public issues should be uninhibited, robust, and wide-open”² and schools may not regulate viewpoint.³

In the event NSHE is, in fact, seeking to adopt this proposal to ensure administrators and/or faculty pursue disciplinary action against students, faculty, or other administrators for conduct that is deemed antisemitic pursuant to the IHRA’s working definition of antisemitism, there are serious issues that arise as such speech, without more, is constitutionally protected and such discipline would prompt intervention on our end. A scenario that requires administrators to use the IHRA’s working definition of antisemitism to discipline those who engage in such constitutionally protected speech may actually force administrators and others at NSHE institutions into technical non-compliance, where NSHE faculty members or administrators can either violate NSHE policy by not pursuing action against a student who has engaged in speech that violates the IHRA working definition of antisemitism, or into a violation of federal law via the First Amendment by pursuing action against a speaker engaged in constitutionally protected speech that falls within the IHRA’s working definition of antisemitism.

It is clear based on this agenda item, but more importantly based on recent incidents, there are misunderstandings about the First Amendment within NSHE and we would ask you to consider tabling this measure for 90 days to work towards implementing more clear policy. Examples of these misunderstandings include an inability to specifically describe which areas at NSHE campuses are traditional public forums versus non-public forums, a lack of clarity surrounding existing content-neutral time, place, and manner restrictions at NSHE institutions, a lack of enhanced First Amendment and de-escalation training in recent months for administrators called to actually intervene on these issues, and no trainings or forums for students, faculty, and administrators alike to better understand the distinction between protected speech and unprotected speech, and how conduct—not content alone—are determining factors in assessing whether political speech is protected. We remain willing to serve as a resource to NSHE to assist in any of these items if you should so request.

Best,

Athar Haseebullah

/s/ Athar Haseebullah, Esq.
Executive Director

Tatiana Smith

/s/ Tia Smith, Esq.
Policy Counsel

² *Snyder v. Phelps*, 562 U.S. 443, 451–52 (2011).

³ *Fellowship of Christian Athletes v. San Jose Unified Sch. Dist. Bd. of Educ.*, 82 F.4th 664, 711 (9th Cir. 2023).



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Name: Pany Poura

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:

I Pany Poura am in favor of item #26. IHRA not preventing from free speech just protecting the Jewish American and Israeli students from anti-semitism and hate threats.

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

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Email: caitygwin@gmail.com

Name: Caitlin Gwin

Representing someone other than yourself?:

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

Agenda Item: Item 28 – Budget

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

My name is Caity Gwin and I am a recent graduate from the William s Boyd school of law at UNLV. I'm calling today regarding item 28, the biennium operating budget.

I support Boyd Law's legislative requests to enhance the law school's base budget to help the Thomas & Mack Legal Clinic and Student Success Initiatives.

I had the honor of acting as a student attorney in survivors representation and advocacy clinic this spring. The clonic offers free legal representation for survivors of domestic violence seeking protection orders. I cant over emphasize how valuable this experience was in furthering my legal education. You really can't get any better preparation for practice than being out in the field learning experientially.

Clinic is more than an educational tool it is a tangible, felt benefit in our community. Most Survivors of domestic violence are truly navigating the intimidating legal process on their own. The clinic has provided legal representation and guidance to individuals who likely otherwise would not have gotten protection.

For those who aren't familiar with what the clinic does, let me give an example. My team and I met a client at one of the shelters who had been badly abused by her husband. She had received a temporary protective order from the court, but didn't know how to move forward

with her case, particularly, she needed help navigating her extension hearing, and ensuring that she had the legal right to stay in her home where she was not on the lease. We were able to negotiate with this woman's husband on her behalf, reach an agreement, represent her at her hearing, and file the necessary paperwork. I am confident this woman would have had a very different outcome in her case if the clinic did not exist. It's my understanding that the clinic is the only free legal service assisting survivors in this way. The work that the shelters do is extremely important, but the fact is that they are not lawyers and they can't represent clients the way we

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Email: pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovalcanaconiosis@hotmail.com

Name: Nico Anderson

Representing someone other than yourself?:

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

Agenda Item: 26. Handbook revision

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

Comment:

It's strange. I have yet to see something so kneejerky and reactionary in response to the students yelling anti-black slurs on campus grounds not so long ago. This didn't happen when Ferguson and BLM happened either. Instead UNR actively protected a very famous Unite the Right rally goer, Peter Cytanovic, and protected his freedom of speech numerous times. "You will not replace us" being one of the most memorable chants from that event. That's directly anti-Semitic. Is that being discussed? From the river to the Sea is non-discriminatory, as it includes the freedom of Arab/Palestinian/Mizrahi/Non-white/western Jews everyone seems to conveniently gloss over and forget. I also find it convenient that these discussions never include Arabs, especially Palestinians and how we in the West speak so frequently speak discriminatly of these people ourselves. I believe the board needs a crash course on discrimination more broadly. It's time to take a Mike's hard look at yourself.

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

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Email: ecamzaleg@gmail.com

Name: Eric Chaim Amzaleg

Representing someone other than yourself?:

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

Agenda Item: Item #26

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

IN favor of Item #26 as the IHRA definition does not prevent free speech

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

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Email: tanyajacobi@gmail.com

Name: Tanya Mor

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:

I'm in favor of item #26 as the IHRA definition does not prevent free speech.

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

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Email: amyw1180@gmail.com

Name: Amy Francine Greenberg

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:

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

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Email: yliebs@aol.com

Name: Judah Lieberman

Representing someone other than yourself?:

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

Agenda Item: Item# 26

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

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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: rajaz1@unlv.nevada.edu

Name: Zain Raja

Representing someone other than yourself?:

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

Agenda Item: Public comment

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

Hello, my name is Zain Raja, and I am making a public comment 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.

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Email: koshergirl@yahoo.com

Name: Yael Lagana

Representing someone other than yourself?:

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

Agenda Item: Item 26

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

Please provide protection for us

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

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Email: rmk@lvcoxmail.com

Name: Rena Kantor

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:

Let's actually be fair, equitable and non discriminatory, rather than just announcing that that's what we're going to do... and then acting as antisemites

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

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Email: ahmadil@unlv.nevada.edu

Name: Ibtihaj Ahmad

Representing someone other than yourself?:

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

Agenda Item: Antisemitism definition

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

The definition is vague and instead of protecting jewish students targets the freedom of expression and will fuel the anti arab and anti muslim hate and suppression of their voices as a public body it is their responsibility to protect every student not just some

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

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Email: ccardwell@unr.edu

Name: Catherine Cardwell

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:

I am currently the Interim Vice President of Student Services and Dean of Libraries and offer my full support for President Brian Sandoval's contract renewal. Since I joined the University of Nevada, Reno in 2021, I have watched and worked with President Sandoval and others on a variety of projects from strategic planning, the Digital Wolf Pack Initiative, University of Nevada @ Lake Tahoe, dual enrollment, and more. These initiatives have demanded—from the campus community—energy, creativity, and expertise while pushing us to support all students and find ways to increase access to education. Many speakers have praised President Sandoval's work ethic, vision, compassion, extensive and varied experience, generosity, and ability to connect with the campus and broader communities. I wholeheartedly concur. He is the right person at the right time to lead the University to greater heights. Thank you.

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: beholy2022@gmail.com

Name: Sally Flores

Representing someone other than yourself?:

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

Agenda Item: Agenda #26

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

I'm in favor of item #26 as the IHRA definition does not prevent free speech

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

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Email: miklbb1987@yahoo.com

Name: Michael Kragen

Representing someone other than yourself?:

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

Agenda Item: Item #26

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

This definition doesn't interfere with free speech

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

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Email: sharonasoleymani@gmail.com

Name: Sharona Soleymani

Representing someone other than yourself?:

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

Agenda Item: Item #26

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

The IHRA definition does not defend free speech

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

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Email: salamn07@gmail.com

Name: Salam Nabulsi

Representing someone other than yourself?:

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

Agenda Item: Item 26

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

I believe it will do harm in freedom of speech and academic freedom. It is disturbing how unsafe the environments being perpetrated by certain folks in our community aimed at showing seeds of mistrust amongst us. Being palestinian is not antisemitic and it is crucial that we do not conflate legitimate political discourse with hatred. At a couple of the protest Ive attended here in reno, I held a sign that said "pro palestine doesn't = anti semitism". It got me attention and interviews with media but I realized that I did not like ths attention because Im spending more time trying to prove to ordinary people what the media and corrupt agenda – driven political leaders have misguided people to believe instead of me talking more about what my family and I are experiencing under israeli illegal occupation and oppression–the real reason for this conflict.

This word has been misused and misinterpreted and the world has been having unproductive conversations due to this.

Palestinians ARE semites. Instead of me and Palestinians like me or anti-war and genocide supporters having to explain why am I actually a SEMITE and that this has nothing to do with hating Jews, I should be asked about what settlements are, what it is like to go through military checkpoints with guns being pointed at us as my family's and my dignity is being stripped from me and human rights are being violated and revoked. Why i have color coded id's issued by the Israeli governemtn. why i have seperate set of laws that apply to me different than that of those in Israel. I should be able to express my experience of inhumane violence freely as it is my reality. Regardless if it was Christians, Muslims, Hindus, or Apes coming in

full force invading a land where people exist and unaliving them, you will, by nature, met with resistance. What is the difference between the pride that americans take in the second amendemnt in the right to defend themselves and their property and palestinians doing the same?

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

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Email: dsinnott.esq@gmail.com

Name: Dominic Sinnott

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:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this agenda item. I write to express my concerns about Item 26 – the proposed resolution around anti-discrimination. The resolutions as drafted are vague and over broad. Including the IHRA definition of anti-semitism and the accompanying examples would penalize legitimate political discourse. The resolutions fail to effectively address anti-semitism and other forms of bigotry on campus. Supporting the Palestinian plight is not anti-semitic, and it is crucial that we do not conflate legitimate political discourse with hatred or bigotry.

Furthermore, the Handbook already covers anti-discrimination of everyone on the basis of race, national origin, or religion: “Each institution, the Chancellor’s Office, including special units, and the Board Office, will establish anti-bias and anti-discrimination education and training programs that address the effects of bias and discrimination, including racism, age, disability, gender, military status or obligations, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, color, and religion.”

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 broad accepted definition that truly protects all members of our community from discrimination without compromising our fundamental rights.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Email: s.vanaerdewiznitzer@gmail.com

Name: Sigourney Vanaerde-Wiznitzer

Representing someone other than yourself?:

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

Agenda Item: Item 26

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

My name is Sigourney Vanaerde Wiznitzer and I'm a first generation American citizen. My ethnic background is Asian, Black, and Jewish, and my parents are from Suriname, a South American Caribbean country with Jewry that dates back to the 17th century. I'm very proud of my background and grateful for the opportunities that I've received here thanks to my parents emigrating to the US to escape a violent regime. I was the first in my family to graduate with a college degree, and now that I'm building my own family I have to consider how my future children will navigate their education with ever-present antisemitism on US campuses, which is wholly un-American. Let me be clear: antizionism is violent, genocidal antisemitism and only Jews can determine what is and isn't antisemitic. All students should be able to get an education without fearing for their safety or vitriolic hate speech being hurled at them. This definition is so important because it gives clear examples for school leadership to determine which behaviors require disciplinary intervention. Vote YES in favor of item 26 to adopt and implement the IHRA definition of antisemitism so that Jewish students can feel a modicum of safety in these troubling times.

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

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Email: franmosh@hotmail.com

Name: Francine Moshkovski

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:

Item # 26. In Favor. This does not prevent free speech

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

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Email: sportman111@aol.com

Name: oded cohen

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:

to my fellow Jewish students in our community

I want you to know that I see you. I hear you.

We raised you to be feeling, caring, compassionate. We raised you to love your neighbor and to love the stranger. We raised you to never be silent while your friends and you bleeds. Your values are my values.

I understand the allure of the power of protest. I understand the energy a community draws from each other when inspired to act for righteousness. It can be intoxicating.

But I am writing today because when we're intoxicated we don't see clearly. We act rashly without thinking, without understand the nuance, the details, without thinking it all the way through.

Yesterday I heard that anti Zionism isn't antisemitism.

Zionism is the national movement of the Jewish people to restore their original national homeland. It was born from the unending dreams of the Jewish people to return home to the land from which they were largely expelled, in which there has been a constant Jewish presence for more than 3,000 years and therefore antisemitism is anti Zionism anti Jewishly "Violent protest is not protected. Peaceful protest is,". "Dissent must never lead to disorder." However words are also violent and we must defend and protect ourself if you are not able to support item #26 which will allude that you support and protect the other side while they

didn't experienced anything similar to what we are on daily basis.
Value life is not a weakness and disregarding it is not a strength, therefore I'm calling the board value it period.

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

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Email: pk.oneill@asm.state.nv.us

Name: PK O'Neill

Representing someone other than yourself?: N/A

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

Agenda Item: item# 29 & General Comment

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

I am PK O'Neill, Nevada State Assemblyman for District 40. There are two things I wish to speak about. I need to mention the great disappointment I have in the way the Regents conduct their meetings. During Public Comment they should alternate between sites, 20 minutes north, 20 minutes south when there is such a large body wishing to make a public comment. It is much more respectful to the individuals waiting patiently.

Item# 29 President Brian Sandoval's tenure at the University of Nevada, Reno has been marked by significant achievements and transformative progress. Under his leadership, the university has experienced a period of substantial growth in academic excellence, infrastructure development, and community engagement, even amid the COVID-19 pandemic. His strategic vision has driven the expansion of research initiatives, resulting in increased funding and innovation across diverse fields.

As you know, the University of Nevada, Reno was able to acquire Sierra Nevada University a few years ago. As an alum of Sierra Nevada, I was excited by the acquisition with the increase of research, student access, and opportunities for our students and faculty that became available through the development of the UNR at Lake Tahoe campus.

President Sandoval has been instrumental in fostering partnerships such as these with local industries and government, enhancing the university's role as a vital contributor to the state's workforce and economic development. Overall, his dynamic and forward-thinking leadership has firmly positioned the University of Nevada, Reno as a leading institution of higher learning in the region and beyond.

It has been an honor to speak and share my support on behalf of a gentleman, who can bear multiple titles, Federal Judge, Nevada Governor and now UNR President Brian Sandoval. He truly exemplifies the Creed of "Service above Self."
Thank you and GO PACK!

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

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Email: rgerby@gmail.com

Name: Rachel Gerby

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:

Protecting Jewish kids from antisemitism

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

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