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Subject: Public Comment for the Board of Regents Special Meeting, August 23, 2024
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Name: Durlin U. Valle

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Special Meeting, August 23, 2024

Agenda Item: Increased price of public parking

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

Increasing the price of the parking prices without approval should be disgraced. Requiring students to pay absurd prices to be able to attend classes on campus is unnecessary and greedy. Many of us are paying out of pocket and can't work to afford almost \$300 for parking. Nonetheless, the parking on campus is unsafe and equates to security levels which rival public parking off campus. Increasing the price of public parking is a money grab for the administration who already fails to serve the students of UNLV.

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

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Name: Chrystal Nelson

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Special Meeting, August 23, 2024

Agenda Item: Parking pass cost increase

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

UNLV decided to raise the price of a parking pass by about \$31 WITHOUT the approval of the board, showing that UNLV does not actually care about the Board of Regents' opinion and professional decisions. This is unacceptable. As a student, the cost of school is already high. Adding an additional \$31 to the high cost is unnecessary. Please fix this.

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Email: landon.netherton@unlv.edu

Name: Landon Netherton

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Special Meeting, August 23, 2024

Agenda Item: Increase in cost of parking passes

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

UNLV has no right to increase the price of parking passes without definitive approval from the Board. This decision by the university is disrespectful to the students who already pay thousands of dollars to create a better life for themselves and If UNLV is allowed to disregard the judgement and approval of the Board of Regents, then who will protect students (and faculty) from further harmful encroachment by the university?

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Email: valvem1@unlv.nevada.edu

Name: Marco Valverde Paredes

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Special Meeting, August 23, 2024

Agenda Item: General Public Comment

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

Comment:

I am concerned with the fact that there was no formal decision made on increasing the price of parking permits. Instead the decision was made behind closed doors, and the price was increased. Because this has happened, I am now concerned about other decisions (past and present) that have not been clearly stated and have been made anyways. Who is taking accountability in this action?

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Email: thomas.boes@unlv.edu

Name: Thomas Boes

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Special Meeting, August 23, 2024

Agenda Item: Price increase for parking permits

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

It is disappointing that UNLV decided to raise the price of parking permits without the Board of Regents' approval. What's the point of having a Board if their input is bypassed? This wasn't an urgent matter—it feels like an attempt to sidestep the Board and unfairly increase costs for the UNLV community. UNLV leadership should be held accountable for their actions and the lack of respect shown to the Board.

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Email: arabamer@unlv.nevada.edu

Name: Nasibeh Arabameri

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Special Meeting, August 23, 2024

Agenda Item: Opposition to Unapproved Parking Fee Increase at UNLV

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

Dear Board of Regents,

I am writing to express my strong disapproval of the recent increase in parking fees at UNLV. As a graduate student, my financial situation is already stretched thin, and this additional burden is something I simply cannot afford. It has come to my attention that UNLV raised the parking fees by \$31 without the formal approval of the Board of Regents. This decision was made despite the fact that the Board chose to defer the decision to a later meeting, presumably to allow for further discussion and consideration. It is deeply concerning that UNLV proceeded with the fee hike without awaiting the outcome of that discussion, especially when there was evident reluctance among some Board members. This unapproved increase places undue stress on students, particularly graduate students like myself who are already facing financial challenges. Our stipends remain unchanged while our costs continue to rise, making it increasingly difficult to balance our academic responsibilities with financial stability. I urge the Board of Regents to address this issue at the upcoming meeting on August 23rd and consider the financial strain this fee increase imposes on students. I respectfully request that the Board reconsider this fee hike and take action to protect students from such unapproved increases in the future. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely, Nasibeh Arabameri, Graduate Student, UNLV

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Email: vikash.patel@nevadastate.edu

Name: Vikash Patel

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Special Meeting, August 23, 2024

Agenda Item: General Public Comment

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

\$31 parking increase for student parking at UNLV campus is not acceptable and unfair practice without a proper vote. Please rescind this policy.

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Email: jbrislin@adl.org

Name: Jolie Brislin

Representing someone other than yourself?: Anti-Defamation League

Meeting: Board of Regents Special Meeting, August 23, 2024

Agenda Item: Agenda Item 7

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

Comment:

Dear Nevada Board of Regents:

I am writing on behalf of the Anti-Defamation League of Nevada to reiterate our concerns regarding Regent McMichael's comments during the quarterly meeting of the Nevada System of Higher Education in June of this year. During that meeting, Regent McMichael made inappropriate and unacceptable remarks in a discussion regarding combatting antisemitism on Nevada's college campuses.

His words were laced with antisemitic language and downplayed the current campus crisis. They also falsely suggested that countering hate on campus is a zero-sum game.

We accordingly supported and continue to support the Board Chair's decision to remove Regent McMichael from the the Board's Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access Committee . Moving forward, we strongly urge the Board to take advantage of robust and comprehensive training and education regarding antisemitism and the insidious ways in which it can manifest. ADL would be pleased to offer our resources and assistance.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jolie Brislin, Regional Director for ADL Desert (NV and AZ)

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Email: jacobc12@unlv.nevada.edu

Name: Cole Jacobs

Representing someone other than yourself?:

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Agenda Item: Raising Parking pass cost

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

Raising the cost of the parking pass is completely unnecessary when it is already unreasonably high, and doing so without approval is especially egregious. So many undergraduates and graduate students need to commute to campus, where the parking availability is already abysmal, so by raising the cost you are only hurting the pockets of a large percentage of the student body. The only change to the price should be a reduction, please reconsider raising the cost without any sort of formal approval or informal approval from the students.

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Email: jon.carpineta@csn.edu

Name: Jon Carpineta

Representing someone other than yourself?:

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Agenda Item: "General Public Comment" – Student Safety

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

Comment:

Protecting students seems to be a recurring theme from the “public” for this Board of Regents Special Meeting. Protecting all NSHE students should be of the highest priority. However, for the past few years, UPD has had a consistent shortage of officers and staff. They have been trying to solve this, but it is still a problem. Right now, there are openings for 4 Police Officers and 2 openings for Public Safety Dispatcher. How about we put some attention and effort into finally getting consistent and adequate Police coverage at our NSHE institutions??? The UPD officers and staff that we have are great, but they can only provide so much coverage on their own. And, they deserve to have adequate coverage to protect them as well. Thank you.

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Email: kent.ervin@nevadafacultyalliance.org

Name: Kent Ervin

Representing someone other than yourself?: Nevada Faculty Alliance

Meeting: Board of Regents Special Meeting, August 23, 2024

Agenda Item: Agenda item 4 – NSHE budget and funding formula

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

Comment:

Good morning! Kent Ervin, E-R-V-I-N, Nevada Faculty Alliance

We will listen to the presentation of the budget request in agenda item 4 with great interest. It is good news that the initial request through the Governor's Finance Office provides a minimum of 80% funding of the past cost-of-living adjustments and adjusts the dollar value per Weighted Student Credit Hour for inflation. That represents a new budgetary policy for more stable and sustainable funding. Hopefully, both the Governor and the Legislature will adopt these requests.

Other good news is that yesterday the interim Education Committee approved a bill draft request regarding fee waivers, potentially including provisions for funding.

The Committee on Higher Education Funding submitted its final report. The committee fulfilled the Chancellor's charge to revise the funding formula with no new funding. The recommendation adds new formula components to address the needs of underrepresented and Pell-grant students and treat performance factors with real teeth, while reducing the allocation based on Weighted Student Credit Hours. Without additional funding, however, this new formula merely transfers funds from some institutions to others. The only way the new formula will be a true success is if new funding is made available for the new Student-Based and Outcomes-Based components. To avoid a complete failure, there needs to be full hold-harmless funding. That is the serious challenge that NSHE faces in the next budget.

A united appeal to the legislature from all of the NSHE community is needed. During the budget process, the NFA will work with NSHE and the institutions to make the case for

adequate and equitable funding of all of our colleges and universities, for all faculty and students.

Thank you.

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Kent Ervin <kent.ervin@nevadafacultyalliance.org>

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To: Keri Nikolajewski <knikolajewski@nshe.nevada.edu>

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Kent Ervin, E-R-V-I-N, Nevada Faculty Alliance

During the Title IX discussion today, regents asked about a virtually non-existent type of Title IX complaints. We have 100,000 students and 15,000 employees at NSHE. We know there are sexual assaults, sexual harassment, and other power-based violence. Real incidents with real victims. Yet the concern is who gets to use which restrooms and locker rooms? That's just not a problem.

One regent asked for data. Yes, policy should be evidence-based. But despite multiple requests from us at NFA, there is no uniform systemwide statistical reporting on the complaints, investigative outcomes and final dispositions of all Title IX complaints and all other discrimination, equal-opportunity complaints, employee grievances, and student and employee disciplinary actions.

Without full reporting, the Board cannot identify or correct systematic issues. The NFA regularly hears about deficiencies in how Title IX and other investigations are handled. Some cases escalate to litigation or media scrutiny. But those are anecdotes, not data.

Regents, if you want to show that you--as the constitutional authority (still) over higher education--are capable of both protecting students of any gender and holding the institutions and yourselves accountable, you must at least collect the data.

Finally, during agenda item 3, I received a text from a member of our transgender community, "Though not unexpected, the line of questioning is vile and disrespectful."

I pause for a moment of silence for our students and colleagues who have been personally affected by any of today's remarks.

Thank you and have a good day.

Dr. Kent M. Ervin
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