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To: [Keri Nikolajewski](#); [Angela Palmer](#); [Winter Lipson](#)
Subject: Public Comment for the Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 16-17, 2025
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Name: Dhritiman Banerjee

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 16-17, 2025

Agenda Item: Nevada Open Meeting Law

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

I am an international student who is facing unfair treatment in UNLV. I have informed this to the Board of Regents and would now request the Nevada Assistant Attorney General to help me get punitive damages from the University because of false accusations of international terrorism against the US Consulate in Kolkata, India.

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

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Email: cesar.prietto@unlv.edu

Name: Cesar Prietto

Representing someone other than yourself?:

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Agenda Item: 17. Procedures and Guidelines Manual Revision, Differential Program Fees, UNLV – Architecture Program

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

I support a revision to the Achitecture Program use of the Differential Fees for student team/group travel to expose them to the architecture around the world, special lectures, workshops for the students who pay into the differential fees, group presentations – again by students who pay differential fees, classroom and common space resource updates. Students greatly benefit from travel as they get exposed to the different architectures and the history behind it. The use of the differential fees for this would allow the department to expand the student travel for those classes that pay into differential fees. The department is not changing or increasing the fees. Only asking to have the usage of the fees revised.

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Email: alexander.kent@unlv.edu

Name: Alexander Kent

Representing someone other than yourself?:

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Agenda Item: Revision of the Architecture program differential fee usage for student team travel

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

As an Architecture Student I support the Revision of the Architecture program differential fee usage for student team travel. As a student in the architecture program, this would greatly benefit me.

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Name: Kent Ervin

Representing someone other than yourself?: Nevada Faculty Alliance

Meeting: Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 16-17, 2025

Agenda Item: General Public Comment – Academic Freedom and Shared Governance

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

In the spirit of the orientation sessions, a brief explanation of academic freedom and shared governance:

- Academic freedom is the freedom to teach.
- Academic freedom is the freedom to determine curriculum and academic standards.
- Academic freedom is the freedom to explore all avenues of scholarship, research, and creative expression and to disseminate the results.
- Academic freedom is the freedom to speak or write on matters of public concern and on any matter related to professional duties including the administration of the academic institution, free from institutional censorship or discipline.

Academic freedom is related to but distinct from first-amendment freedom of speech.

Academic freedom does not mean free rein to discuss material with no relation to the subject of a class, but teachers must be free to discuss controversial material. Controversy is at the heart of free academic inquiry.

Tenure is an important protection of academic freedom, but academic freedom extends to all teachers and researchers.

Shared governance is part of academic freedom for faculty collectively. Faculty have primary responsibility for curriculum, subject matter and methods of instruction, research, faculty status, and those aspects of student life related to the educational process. The responsibility for faculty status includes appointments, reappointments, decisions not to reappoint, promotions, the granting of tenure, and dismissal. Faculty must have meaningful input in the

hiring and evaluation of academic leadership.

For further information, please refer to the 1940 Joint Statement of Principles on Academic Freedom and Tenure (<https://www.aaup.org/report/1940-statement-principles-academic-freedom-and-tenure>) of the American Association of University Professors and the American Association of Colleges and Universities and the AAUP statement on college and university governance (<https://www.aaup.org/report/statement-government-colleges-and-universities>).

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Name: Burke Scot Beu

Representing someone other than yourself?:

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Agenda Item: general public comment

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

Comment:

My name is Burke Scot Beu, 7110 Montview Blvd. #208, Denver CO 80220. I'm a UNLV alum. I gave public comment 2 years ago and 4 years ago, each time at the January meeting when new regents took their oath of office. Once again, I want to express my concerns regarding the UNLV mascot. This board and the UNLV administration insist that the nickname Rebel means rebellious just like Las Vegas, and that there is no mascot. In reality, the general public tends to use nickname and mascot interchangeably.. A few years ago, the Pulitzer Prize-winning Las Vegas Sun published my letter to the editor on this topic and their professional journalists changed the word nickname to mascot. Today, I'd like to suggest a compromise. Keep Rebel as the nickname and add a mascot, Rebel the Eagle. This would be similar to AL the Elephant, mascot of the University of Alabama whose nickname is of course the Crimson Tide.

The HeyReb mascot is clearly a confederate plantation owner, not a western prospector. Sadly, many media outlets continue to use the HeyReb mascot while UNLV pretends there is no mascot. This was embarrassingly evident during UNLV's otherwise upbeat football season. At least I was embarrassed, weren't you? During the holiday season, I went to the UNLV bookstore to buy a UNLV item as a gift. I told the salesperson I wanted something that said UNLV only. He said that many customers request the same thing. The nickname/mascot thing is a problem. You need to fix this problem. If an eagle mascot represented the rebel nickname, then there would be no need for anyone to revert to a previous, racist image. Many fans would

be proud to say: Run with the Rebels, Soar like an Eagle.

Again, keep Rebel as the nickname, add Eagle as the mascot. I look forward to seeing Rebel the Eagle at future UNLV events. I hope you'll stop ignoring this concern. Please take my name off of the alumni association and the UNLV Foundation email lists. I won't donate until UNLV acts responsibly. Thank you!

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