

From: [NSHE](#)
To: [Keri Nikolajewski](#); [Winter Lipson](#)
Subject: Public Comment for the Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025
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Public Comment for the Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

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Name: Tam Tran

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: Agenda item #23 – PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES MANUAL
REVISION, TUITION AND FEES INCREASE, ACADEMIC YEARS 26-27, 27-28, AND
28-29

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

The bill will make it unaffordable to student

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

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Name: Gianna Ruiz

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: Agenda Item 26

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

The Student Government Association (SGA) at TMCC has been providing valuable resources to the broader community for the past several years. With recent adjustments to living costs, the SGA is currently working underfunded and needs to increase the Student Activities Fee to maintain operational costs and continue supporting student life on and off campus. I highly urge the Board to approve this fee increase so the SGA may continue providing resources to TMCC's community as well as continue improving the lives of students both on and off campus.

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Email: henagt1@unlv.nevada.edu

Name: Tripp Henager

Representing someone other than yourself?:

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28-29

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

Thank you for allowing me to speak my view on this agenda. I oppose the increase in tuition and fees. As an out-of-state student, the three to five percent makes my tuition a big jump compared to in-state. Since I'm a first-year student at this university, having this approved would hurt me financially, and I'd have to look at other options for further education. I have some questions: if the agenda were to pass, what would you do to encourage out-of-state students to continue attending UNLV, knowing that their cost of attendance has gone up? Scholarships can only help so much, and I'm not able to get any grants, so will anything happen to out-of-state students to help them attend UNLV? I like the university and the hospitality program, and would like to continue to stay, but I can't ignore the price rise, especially for the next three years, since those will be my second through fourth years studying.

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Email: gmelendrezchavarin@tmcc.edu

Name: Gabriela Melendrez-Chavarin

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: #26 SGA Fee Increase

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

Comment:

I am writing to show neutrality towards the proposed fee increase of \$1 per credit towards TMCC's Student Government Association. After careful consideration I find it difficult to choose a side but I acknowledge both the benefits and disadvantages for this proposal. With this fee increase I believe it would best serve the students if it is used towards more financial support opportunities and other resources that will enhance their college experience. I see this fee increase fit if we put forward effort to give back to the students to ensure that we remain transparent and express how we are here to support them.

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Name: Ayden Kruger-Crowe

Representing someone other than yourself?: Truckee Meadows Community College SGA

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: #23

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

Comment:

I am writing to express concern about the 9% registration fee increase. While I understand TMCC has to remain in unison with the rest of the NSHE institutions regarding registration fees, a systemwide fee increase does not reflect individual campus needs. This fee increase impacts affordability for TMCC students, many of whom balance work, family, school, and living costs. While it is true that increased fees can help fund programs that benefit students, TMCC has a relatively strong financial standing and does not need a fee increase. Instead, NSHE should explore support options for the institutions that truly need the help, instead of a fee increase that negatively impacts many students.

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Email: ssinghkaur@tmcc.edu

Name: Sukhmandeep Singh Kaur

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: 9% registration fee increase is #23

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

Comment:

I am writing to express a neutral perspective regarding the proposed 9% registration fee increase for Truckee Meadows community colleges within NSHE. I recognize that some campuses may benefit from additional resources so they maintain quality programs and services, I am also mindful of the potential impact on students, especially those managing work, family, and other living expenses. I encourage NSHE to carefully weigh both systemwide needs and individual campus circumstances to ensure that any decisions regarding registration fees are equitable, transparent, and aligned to provide accessible, high-quality education for all students.

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Email: moreau-a@unlv.nevada.edu

Name: Ronelle Moreau

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: Agenda Item 23

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

Increasing tuition whether it be for in state or out of state residents will create a further financial burden for students in an economy where it is already extremely difficult to survive in. The tremendous debt of student loans post graduation is a future many of us will have to endure. Please keep the cost of tuition affordable which not only will help current students when they transition into the workforce but it will also make the University appealing and desirable for future students.

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Email: fparmenter@tmcc.edu

Name: Freddie Parmenter

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: Item 23

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

As a student at TMCC and elected student body representative I think it is necessary for TMCC to adopt the 9% registration fee increase across the timeline proposed. However, with this being stated I think it would be appropriate for part of the revenue produced to be invested back into the student body by helping to eliminate certain fees for a certain time period. TMCC doesn't need additional revenue and is only increasing costs to keep in line with NSHE policy stating the registration fees across all Nevada higher education institutions must remain relatively equal. Because of this, I believe it makes sense for these incurred costs to then offset costs already impacting TMCC students, such as the Academic Success Initiatives Fee which is currently set at \$10.00 per credit. This way, TMCC would remain in compliance with NSHE policy without detriment to TMCC students. I strongly urge the Board of Regents to consider this option as a way to help college stay affordable for those already struggling to attend at the current fee and tuition rates.

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Name: Carter Wilkerson

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: Bring Back Hey Reb

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

Hey Reb was wrongfully removed as and should be reinstated as the mascot of the university for branding and marketing.

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Email: guzman25@unlv.nevada.edu

Name: Jacquelyn Guzman

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: Agenda Item 23

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

Hello, my name is Jacquelyn Guzman and I am a graduate student at UNLV.

I am speaking today to oppose Agenda Item 23 because it has a direct impact on students who are attending college to make a better life for themselves. The affordability of college is important, especially for first generation students. If the cost of tuition keeps rising, the dream of attending and obtaining a Bachelor's degree or higher becomes smaller and smaller. If Lombardo states he is pro-education, he should be anti Agenda Item 23. Pro education is NOT increasing tuition and making it more difficult for students to attend, causing more debt in regards to student loans or a hardship on families that want to send their children to college.

I urge the Board to reject an increase in tuition costs.

Thank you,

Jacquelyn Guzman

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Email: austinlivreri@gmail.com

Name: Austin Livreri

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: Tuition Increases

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

The proposed increase in tuition over the next 3 academic years periods is ridiculous given the already perilously steep prices for credits offered (specifically at UNLV). The increases would be worth it if good professors and material was presented in classes. As it stands now, the content learned from UNLV has not been applicable to my career (I have one degree and working on a second at behest of my employer). From when I graduated in 2018 till now the quality is shit with being unable to contact most professors or get timely responses from academic advisors. For example, I have been waiting over 3 weeks to hear back from LEE Business school for permission to add classes I need for my program. I went to their office, and the staff is lounging around, ignoring calls, and asked me to wait. So maybe think about cutting the dead weight in NSHE as well as stop paying these athletes with tax dollars to play sports when they can't even pass a class. They brag about being allowed to fail because they just get passed anyway. NSHE has become a joke. Look inside first to cut costs NOT just tax (proverbially) your already poor students.

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Email: saucej7@unlv.nevada.edu

Name: Jennifer Saucedo

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: 23

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

Hello, my name is Jennifer Saucedo, and I am a Clinical Mental Health Counseling/Graduate student at UNLV.

I am speaking today to oppose Agenda Item 23 because I already struggle as it is to pay for tuition the increase would without a doubt be a reason I have to drop out.

I urge the Board to reject this increase and remember that not all student take loans or get any financial help at all and some (like myself) work multiple jobs and long hours to make ends meet as it is.

Thank you.

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Email: rileygar@unlv.nevada.edu

Name: Angelina Riley-Garbutt

Representing someone other than yourself?:

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Agenda Item: Item #23

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

Comment:

Will financial aid packages increase proportionally to offset these tuition hikes for low-income students? And Request ongoing student representation on budget committees making these decisions.

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Email: jonesmikayla13@gmail.com

Name: Mikayla Jones

Representing someone other than yourself?:

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Agenda Item: Tuition Hike

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

Don't you dare hike tuition 12%. I am the daughter of two professors and a graduate of both CSN and UNLV. I know the system. I know how much the dean of the Hotel college made (Stoe) and I know what the Dean of the Law school makes. I also understand the increase in overhead, utilities and labor; however, I also know that enrollment is also down EXPONENTIALLY and it is at further risk with the immigration concerns we have happening in this country. Our schools SHOULD NOT be unattainable for Nevadans. Raising tuition will only increase the downturn in enrollment, which will then lead to fewer courses, fewer professors (job loss), and more overpaid administrators. DO NOT increase tuition by 12% this year, 2 or 3% maybe, but 12!? You're out of your minds. Thank you!

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Email: acevea9@unlv.nevada.edu

Name: Ashley Acevedo

Representing someone other than yourself?: N/A

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

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In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

Increasing the tuition prices will cause a chain reaction for students, enrolling into school and lead to them dropping out, due to increasing prices and cause low enrollment. Attending college is already expensive as it is, this will create a more definitive barrier for individuals who have to work full time to afford school and daily living expenses. Vote no to the tuition increases.

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

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Email: pmuangsiri@tmcc.edu

Name: Pulin Muangsiri

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: 26

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

Due to rising costs, the current economic situation, and increased enrollment, TMCC's Student Government Association (SGA) requires additional funds to properly serve its student body. The SGA needs to stay competitive in the services it offers, but with the current SGA fee, budgeting has to be kept modest. It is a point of contention among the spheres of TMCC as creating meaningful impact does not come cheap. In my experiences serving the campus as an SGA member, I know that money has been an issue. I can recall that when allocating funds for a club to travel to a prestigious radiology conference to present research and network, the total club funding budget was a major deciding factor in having to restrict the amount allocated. Though the club members traveling all were more than qualified, it just was not possible to provide the requested total, potentially hindering some members' access to a deserved opportunity. The SGA should not have to be the reason a hard-working student's efforts go unrecognized. By increasing the SGA fee, the SGA can become the window of opportunity for aspiring TMCC students, whether it be through well-funded campus initiatives/improvements, or unimpeded pathways to student success. To achieve such dreams, though, it only happens if the SGA has the proper funds to open the window.

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Name: Conner Lowry

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: Bring back UNLV's retired mascot Hey Reb!

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

The importance of a mascot cannot be understated. For years Hey Reb! was a beloved mascot for UNLV and the community of Las Vegas as a whole. A mascot is not just someone in a costume running around at sporting events. But it is a symbol of school spirit and is a great asset to the university. Please consider bringing back Hey Reb! to not only help with fan engagement at athletic events. But also as a symbol to the university and a tool to help reach a new generation of children growing up who may become rebels.

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Name: Zach Rodriguez

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: Bring Back Hey Reb.

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

A few years back UNLV removed their mascot “Hey Reb” because of the assumption of “connotation with the confederacy” when it had nothing to do with that at all. It was inspired by western trailblazers. Honestly he was judged on his looks and was placed in a category that he shouldn’t have been put in. A hat and a mustache makes you a confederate? If anything this cancellation was due to wrongful hate towards the mascot without any kind of evidence of being a confederate. Look at the other mascot’s that are around. Duke is literally a devil, and how he still around? I just ask for a revival of hey Reb. He brought joy to this city during games and is loved just like chance from VGK.

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Name: Phillip Luchetta

Representing someone other than yourself?:

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Agenda Item: UNLV Mascot

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

Comment:

Bring back Hey Reb! No one consulted with the true stakeholders for this decision (mainly alumni). We have a rich history here in Southern Nevada that most people are unaware of. Our state was "born" in the Civil War and Hey Reb was a rebuttal to UNR. The area where UNLV currently lies was once a part of AZ territory. The carpet bagger admins that launched this decision had no connection to UNLV before and none since. Yet the drivers of the local economy and supporters of the university who are still here suffer through those decisions. Make it right!

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Name: Giovanni Jones

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In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

Giovanni Jones, A.A., CPGE,SQL-DA

Good morning, Regents, Chancellor, Presidents, and members of the public. My name is Giovanni Jones, and I am here today as a student who is deeply engaged in this system and deeply concerned about the proposed fee increases.

I want to begin by acknowledging the fiscal reality presented in the Board materials. I understand that the Nevada System of Higher Education received one-time bridge funding through AB 568, and that this funding expires after FY27, creating a significant shortfall that institutions must resolve to avoid major operational gaps. I also recognize that our system is still below the national average in total revenue per student, especially in tuition, and that NSHE has historically prioritized affordability,

But today, I want to speak to the student perspective, because affordability is not an abstract concept it is lived reality. The proposal before you ask students to pay more, year after year, not because they are getting more, but because the System must backfill a funding gap created by previous decisions. For students, this feels less like an investment and more like a shift of responsibility.

When we talk about predictable pricing, predictability must apply to students not just institutions. The proposed increases of 3%, 4%, and 5% at our universities, and 2%, 3%, and 4% at our colleges, may seem modest on paper, but the cumulative impact is real, especially for first-generation, low-income, and working students. Students are not asking for more debt, and they are not asking to subsidize state funding shortfalls. They are asking for value, transparency, and a voice in decisions that will directly affect their futures.

The System states that it is recommitting 10–15% of registration fees to financial assistance, and I applaud that. But financial aid based on increased fees only helps some. Every student feels the increase; not every student feels the relief.

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Email: ddifferding@me.com

Name: Dylan Differding

Representing someone other than yourself?:

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Agenda Item: Bring back Reb

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

Comment:

I am a former UNLV season ticket holder. I've supported the sports programs by game attendance since 2007. I currently live in Idaho and still go to every game they play against BSU. I'm one of the few in the crowd still chanting rebel chants when it's 18° with an inversion watching UNLV compete for a mountain west trophy. While this may be read I am currently finding my seats to do so again this year. I believe in the fog of societal norms we lost sight of critical thinking and ignored acknowledging truth. Reb is an iconic character and history of the state. I can't look at pictures of the cannon returning without my mind putting Reb next to it. The face is it was a message of rebelling from UNR. Nevada joined the Union despite history telling us of confederate sympathizers the efforts were as weak as their tolerance. In tolerance we learn to accept behaviors or thoughts that we do not always agree with. Reb never gave me a feeling of a confederate soldier but an enjoyable character with a mustache as western as the state itself. Even if we change his uniform to replicate western society that is fine. Just remember our colors are scarlet and gray! We didn't remove the gray because it's the same color as the uniform. UNLV does not represent or idealize anything to do with the confederate states or flag. We should be able to see this as I did even walking the campus while in highschool. Now I want to see the mountain west trophy stay in the mountain west! U-N-L-V UNLV GO!!! FIGHT!!! WIN!!!!

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

From: [NSHE](#)
To: [Keri Nikolajewski](#); [Winter Lipson](#)
Subject: Public Comment for the Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025
Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 4:37:17 PM

 External Email:

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Public Comment for the Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Email: ziggy072959@gmail.com

Name: Timothy Morrissey

Representing someone other than yourself?: UNLV MASCOT HEY REB!

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: Bring back Hey Reb!

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

Bring back Hey Reb! Mascot

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

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Public Comment for the Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Email: tluch711@gmail.com

Name: Treena Luchetta

Representing someone other than yourself?: Alumni – Phil Luchetta

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: of the growth of UNLV originating in the " Battle Born" state of Nevada....this history should not be repressed but instead revered as a unifying agent in the emergence of a great university....watch & see the attendance grow if we had Hey Reb back as our mascot!

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

Yes pleese bring Hey Reb back.....he is a historical reminder of the growth of UNLV originating in the " Battle Born" state of Nevada....this history should not be repressed but instead revered as a unifying agent in the emergence of a great university....watch & see the attendance grow if we had Hey Reb back as our mascot!!Q

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Public Comment for the Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Email: rodrid20@unlv.nevada.edu

Name: Diana Rodriguez

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: Agenda Item 23

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

Hello, my name is Diana Rodriguez, and I am a graduate student at UNLV.
I am speaking today to oppose Agenda Item [#] because it would impact retention and would make it more difficult for first generation students to attend.
I urge the Board to oppose this agenda item of raising the tuition.
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, December 4-5, 2025

Email: dylan.kelleher@outlook.com

Name: Dylan Kelleher

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: Bring back hey Reb

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

Bring back hey reb

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

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Email: lvbaca72@gmail.com

Name: Greg baca

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: We want our mascot back. Bring back hey reb

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

Comment:

We want hey reb back. Bring our mascot home

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

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Public Comment for the Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Email: adammoyer@ymail.com

Name: Adam Moyer

Representing someone other than yourself?: Hey Reb

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: Hey Reb

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

I'm a lifelong Vegas resident and UNLV supporter. Please bring back our beloved Mascot, Hey Reb! We miss him...

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

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Public Comment for the Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Email: william.scarlett@alumni.unlv.edu

Name: William Scarlett

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: Bring back Hey Reb

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

As a life long LV resident and 2 degrees from UNLV, I feel that it is extremely important to bring back Hey Reb, our beloved mascot, to restore more community pride and engagement with UNLV. Our university deserves a great mascot and the forefront of our push to be rebels and push to academic excellence, athletic fortitude, and community engagement. I consider this topic one of the most significant for consideration. I have no doubt that by bringing back our mascot the surrounding community will be galvanized and our university will gain more ground that was lost on the national stage. Please do the right thing and bring back Hey Reb!

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

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Email: jasonwkelly96@gmail.com

Name: Jason Kelly

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: BRING BACK HEY REB

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

Growing up I loved UNLV's mascot. He was like a hero, when I'd go to games his presence made things better and more fun, and represented the nature of our AMAZING SCHOOL.

I completely understand some of the hesitancy, and it's important to be sensitive. If we can bring him back in ANY way, with any adjustment, or rebrand, just with that big Mustache and fun nature, it would be a great healing moment for the community, while protecting the real social interests of the school.

Hey Reb was created to distance UNLV from the Civil War connection, and if an adjustment can be made to bring him back, and respect the social issues that are CRITICAL to our community, IT MUST BE DONE.

Thank you

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Public Comment for the Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Email: sandysmiddy7@gmail.com

Name: Temme Schwerdtfeger

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: HeyReb

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

HeyReb... enough of this charade, bring him back

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

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Email: kevinmsmith1009@gmail.com

Name: Kevin Smith

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: Free Hey Reb!

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

Hey Reb! Needs to be reinstated. It is a shame that Hey Reb! Was taken away from the students. It is not too late to bring back Hey Reb!

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Email: jterry72@icloud.com

Name: Justin Terry

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: Bring back Hey Reb!

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

Fellow Rebels,
Hey Reb! was never Confederate. The wolf in gray (Beauregard) was retired in 1976. Hey Reb — the mustachioed mountain man in scarlet and gray — was created in 1982 to celebrate Nevada's frontier spirit and UNLV's rebel identity.
For nearly 40 years he fired up the Thomas & Mack, tossed T-shirts, and became a nationally recognized All-American mascot. Removing him in 2021 left us without a true symbol when our teams and campus are stronger and more diverse than ever.
Hey Reb belongs to all Rebels. Bring him back

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

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Public Comment for the Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Email: iicep@yahoo.com

Name: Phillip Carter

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: General public comments

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

Comment:

Bring back Hey Reb! We are re-entering the national stage for sports which drives academics. It was idiotic to get rid of the mascot in the 1st place. Do the right thing and bring He Reb! back.

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Email: austin.rowe9@gmail.com

Name: Austin Rowe

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: Free Hey Reb!

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

Free Hey Reb!

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Email: twywy@aol.com

Name: T Walker

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: Bring Back Hey Reb Mascot

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

Please bring back Hey Reb Mascot

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Public Comment for the Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Email: taylorprince888@gmail.com

Name: Taylor Prince

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: Public Comment

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

I am in favor of bringing Hey Reb back as the UNLV mascot. I have a family with 4 kids and all our rebel gear is the old stuff with Hey Reb. We have not bought any new gear since he was disbanded. Also, not having a mascot is a disgrace to the program and an area our fans would love to rally behind like we did in the past.

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Public Comment for the Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Email: ashleigh.matt2021@gmail.com

Name: Ashleigh Wilantt

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: Bring Back Hey Reb! Vegas is a city of historic entertainment. UNLV needs to have a great entertainer like Hey Reb. The same way the Golden Knights have “knight time”

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

Comment:

Bring Back Hey Reb! Vegas is a city of historic entertainment. UNLV needs to have a great entertainer like Hey Reb. The same way the Golden Knights have “knight time”

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Email: jts822@cox.net

Name: Jake Shelton

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: Reinstatement of Hey Reb! as UNLV's mascot

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

As a UNLV student I am passionately in favor of bringing back Hey Reb in his original form as our official mascot. As our football team and other athletics continue to improve, we are in desperate need of a mascot, and no other mascot could ever represent UNLV like Hey Reb.

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Public Comment for the Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Email: ravirambaran@yahoo.com

Name: Ravi Rambaran

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: Hey Reb UNLV Mascot

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

Please don't bring back the Confederate Symbol, the Hey Reb Mascot to UNLV. Please update any mascot to reflect UNLV's diversity, and not a mascot that causes anyone to think of it or view it as a symbol of the Confederacy, such as Hey Reb.

The Tarkanians have given their permission to use the Shark mascot. Please use the Shark mascot for UNLV Runnin' Rebels Basketball, and again, please use a mascot that honors and reflects Southern Nevada's unique diversity, not a symbol of the South in the Civil War, not a symbol of slavery and those who supported it, and not a symbol where those who want it to return can glorify the Confederate States of America.

Ravi Rambaran

Associate of Arts, History (College of Southern Nevada)

Current non-traditional part-time online student at Nevada State University, studying for a Bachelor of Arts, History, with a Pre-Law Concentration.

I'm a future UNLV Boyd School of Law student, or History Master's degree student at UNLV, and I'd prefer a school mascot that isn't offensive and disruptive to me and other minorities.

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Email: vegasguitars@protonmail.com

Name: Neil Smith

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: Hey Reb logo and mascot.

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

Comment:

The mascot was created in 1982. It's original purpose or use intent has never changed. Hey Reb doesn't represent a person, place or thing from the past. He is created only to represent UNLV sports from 1982 to today. The Hey Reb mascot and logo serve to create a recognizable symbol for the institution, fostering a sense of community and belonging among students and alumni. It also enhances school spirit, promotes events, and can be used for marketing and branding purposes. These ceaselessly positive attributes have been missing from UNLV since 2020 when the Hey Reb caricature was removed and finally all mascots in 2021. Please bring back Hey Reb – he only wants to cheer for our teams!

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

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Email: josejfigueroa0@gmail.com

Name: Jose Figueroa

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: Hey Reb Mascot

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

I believe the Hey Reb mascot should be allowed to use for unlv. As a proud unlv alumni it is hard to root for a school that doesn't have a "brand" or mascot. As our sports programs are raising in competitive aspect it's important for our university to have a brand. Bring hey reb back!

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

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Email: dannydipset23@yahoo.com

Name: Daniel León

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: That's wack! We need to keep our iconic mascot for sure!! Go REBELS!

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

That's wack! We need to keep our iconic mascot for sure!! Go REBELS!

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Public Comment for the Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Email: lifeguard127@gmail.com

Name: Dennis Miller

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: Bring back Hey Reb. Don't change him, nothing wrong with him. Go woke and see what happens

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

Bring back Hey Reb

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

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From: [NSHE](#)
To: [Keri Nikolajewski](#); [Winter Lipson](#)
Subject: Public Comment for the Academic, Research and Student Affairs Committee, December 4, 2025
Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 11:00:26 PM

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Public Comment for the Academic, Research and Student Affairs Committee, December 4, 2025

Email: corey.cj.downey@gmail.com

Name: Corey Downey

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Academic, Research and Student Affairs Committee, December 4, 2025

Agenda Item: Hey Reb!

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

Free our Mascot Hey Reb!! Give the school and its sports an identity again, CBS Sports have still been using the older Frontiersmen with Rifle for Commercial and Replay Transitions. Speaks volumes that broadcast partners know what we want and the board does not

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Date: Thursday, December 4, 2025 12:30:14 AM

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Public Comment for the Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Email: nicof922@aol.com

Name: Nicolas Fernandez

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: The return of Hey Reb as our university mascot which was stolen in the cover of darkness.

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

It's time to right the wrongs that have been done to my hometown university by the minority woke agenda and misguided youth. As a university donor and supporter. I was offended that in the cover of darkness we lost our beloved Hey Reb. Our mascot, part of our identity and tradition. This happened without a public hearing, vote or inquiry by the thousands of alumni and long time donors. This was carried out by a minority movement who may or may not have even graduated from UNLV. All because of the climate of failed values and lack of respect for those who came before them. This climate has worn out it's time. Decent people have grown tired of the lack of moral values and have began to step forward to reclaim believing in doing what is not only common sense but right. Bringing back our beloved mascot Hey Reb is long over due. Tearing down history has past it's time. If we don't correct these wrongs, what's next burning book? Our mascot in the grand scheme of things may seem like a small thing. But this small thing grew from a small dust filled town to our great city of today. To deny Hey Reb was also a part of that is an insult to decade of hard work to get our beloved city to where it is now. 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, December 4-5, 2025

Email: viking1265@yahoo.com

Name: George Cole

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: Bring Back Hey Reb

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

Bring Back Hey Reb

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

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Subject: Public Comment for the Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025
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Public Comment for the Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Email: lori.cole1123@gmail.com

Name: Lori Cole

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: Bring back Hey Reb

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

I'm in favor of bringing back Hey Reb

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

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Email: grevelis69@gmail.com

Name: Benjamin Grevelis

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: Bring back Hey Reb

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

Lived in Nevada since 1997 and Hey Reb was always a part of going to UNLV games that I loved, I think with the program on the rise they need a mascot again that everyone can rally behind

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

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Public Comment for the Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Email: ariel.santos@unlv.edu

Name: Ariel Santos

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: Agenda Item 19: New Business

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

Comment:

I would like to encourage the Board of Regents to add an agenda item to the next meeting to discuss the pay and contract length for Part-Time Instructors at NSHE schools. It has been many years since our per-credit hour pay has seen a meaningful cost of living adjustment and this has left many of our most vital groups of instructors on campus in dire financial straits as inflation and cost of living rises in Las Vegas. Indeed, more than half of the classes taught at UNLV are taught by PTIs. I urge this body to do what previous iterations of the body have not and address this issue directly as soon as possible.

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

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Email: gridironsteellv@gmail.com

Name: Bryan Cole

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: Bring back hey Reb

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

In favor of bringing back our mascot HEY Reb

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

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Email: s.c.wirig@gmail.com

Name: Spencer Wirig

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: Bring Hey Reb Back

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

Please Bring back Hey Reb. I have my BA and DMD from UNLV and now my children are enrolled at UNLV. This is a great community and we need him back

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

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Email: mmrebel@gmail.com

Name: Randall Larson

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: I believe we need to bring Hey Reb back. It is shameful that UNLV does not currently have a mascot. We want Hey Reb back!

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: annasemail04@gmail.com

Name: Anna Duran

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: Bring back Reb!

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

Comment:

Bring back Reb! He's a legend and part of our Las Vegas community.

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

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Email: mikeygarth@gmail.com

Name: Michael Garth

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: Bring Back Hey Reb

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

I was born and raised her in Las Vegas. My father before me and my Grandmother before him. We are (were for my Grandmother) life long Rebels fans. I believe that Hey Reb gave the school, it's fans, and Las Vegas an identity that was shared by the community and bonded fans to the teams, and school alike. Hey Reb is mascot that embodies our pioneer spirit, and resilient nature here in Las Vegas. Further, He was specifically designed to remove the racial connotations of the civil war that our original mascot imbued. Please do the right thing and Bring Back Hey Reb. The games just have been empty without our long held beloved mascot.

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

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Email: alixlets@gmail.com

Name: CARLOS GARCIA

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: HEY REB MASCOT

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

The HEY REB mascot has been wrongfully removed from his beloved post. He deserves to be reinstated OR at the very least be reworked (EVEN THOUGH NOTHING ABOUT HEY REB IS RACIST OR CONTROVERAIAL HE IS A FONTIER MAN NOT A CONFEDERATE SOLDIER!!!) for THE PEOPLE AND STUDENTS of las vegas and the university. Growing up I was ALWAYS excited to see our mascot down on the field celebrating and cheering on our sports programs.

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

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Email: jordan@doveandassociates.com

Name: Jordan Dove

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: General Public Comment: Hey Reb! Mascot

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

BRING BACK HEY REB MASCOT

The Rebels nickname at University of Nevada, Las Vegas traces back to a regional rivalry with the University of Nevada, Reno—where red (south) symbolically “rebelled” against blue (north) at University of Nevada, Reno. In the late 1960s and early 1970s, the original UNLV mascot reflected that symbolism and was styled like a generic Southern Civil War–era figure, which over time became informally associated with a Confederate soldier—though it was meant to represent rebellion, not the Confederacy itself.

In 1983, UNLV intentionally replaced that imagery with Hey Reb!, a complete re-design created to remove Confederate associations. Hey Reb was depicted as a cartoonish, Old West outlaw / Las Vegas–style gunslinger, inspired by frontier and Wild West themes—not the Civil War. He wore no Confederate uniform, carried no political symbolism, and was designed purely as a spirit mascot reflecting Nevada’s frontier culture and Vegas personality.

In short:

- The Rebels name came from a north–south rivalry, not an endorsement of the Confederacy
- The earliest mascot did resemble a Civil War–era Southerner, which later drew criticism
- Hey Reb was explicitly not a Confederate soldier and was created to separate UNLV from that imagery altogether

That distinction—name vs. imagery—is the key historical nuance many people miss.

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

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Public Comment for the Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Email: ramanjl@gmail.com

Name: Jay Raman

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: Public comment

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

Comment:

I am an alumni graduate of UNLV class of 2003. I am also a long time basketball season ticket holder and recent football season ticket holder. If I could've appeared in person I would have, but Work is in the way. Hey Reb! needs to be unretired immediately. Our school in our student athletes deserve a mascot. There was nothing ever wrong with Hey Reb as supported by the research done in the past. Removing him in 2020 was a hasty and poorly thought out decision. He must be restored immediately as well as the statues that have been removed have as well. Any educated person knows he has nothing to do with the confederacy. UNIV long ago, got rid of their confederate figure Beauregard. I'm going to withhold my donations to the university until Hey Reb! is restored as the mascot.

Sincerely Jay Raman

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

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Email: rachdes@aol.com

Name: Rachel Gaglio

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: I'm in total support of save our mascot!!!

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

Please protect and preserve traditions and history.

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

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Email: Tomgaglio@gmail.com

Name: Tom Gaglio

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: Restoring our mascot.

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

I think it is invaluable to preserve the traditions and history of the University.

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: No

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Email: lewanj2@unlv.nevada.edu

Name: Justin Lewandowski

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: Hey Reb!

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

BRING HIM BACK; MORE MONEY TO SCHOOL

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

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Email: dennyrene@yahoo.com

Name: Dennyrene Kevish

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: Bring back Hey Reb

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

Season ticket holders for football, men's and women's basketball, we want a mascot so bring back Hey Reb

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

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Email: Maciav2@unlv.nevada.edu

Name: Valerie Macias

Representing someone other than yourself?: Local students of UNLV

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: Tuition rate Increase for UNLV and other Nevada colleges

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

Since there is a higher cost in attending colleges out of state, instate colleges are a better option for Nevada's local students, and increasing the tuition will only take away that opportunity not just for myself but for other local students of Nevada who have a hard time affording college as is.

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

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Email: dchairez13@cox.net

Name: David Chairez

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: General Public Comment – Hey Reb Mascot

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

I am a proud 1990 graduate of UNLV and season ticket holder for men's basketball and football. I am writing to add my support for bringing back the "Hey Reb" mascot to UNLV. According to an April 21, 2014, article in the Review-Journal, "Hey Reb" was created in 1982 by Mike Miller, who was inspired in his creation by the mountain men of the 1800s who explored uncharted Nevada.

I understand from my study of California and Nevada history that the mountain men of the 1800s, including John C. Fremont and Kit Carson, committed atrocities against the Indigenous Americans in their pursuit of Manifest Destiny. I agree with those who find this to be a shameful part of our American history.

Nonetheless, the UNLV and UNR football teams battle every year for the Fremont Cannon. If you want to have an experience in downtown Las Vegas, you head to the Fremont Experience on Fremont Street. The state capital of Nevada is Carson City. Hence, if we take it to an extreme, maybe we need to rename the Fremont Cannon, Fremont Street, the Fremont Experience, and Carson City. Alternatively, maybe we don't take it to extremes and just bring back "Hey Reb" who used to make my son, a 2024 graduate of UNLV, happy with a high-five back in the mid-2000s when he was a little kid attending UNLV games with his dad. Although the creation of "Hey Reb" was inspired by the mountain men of the 1800s, I view the mascot as something else, a mascot that makes young kids excited to attend UNLV games. Go Rebels

– Beat Boise!

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

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Email: Exoticasteve@aol.com

Name: Stephen Kehoe

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: Bring Back the UNLV Mascot "Hey Reb!!!"

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

UNLV has been without a mascot for too long. It's time to bring "Hey Reb" back.

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

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Email: tdevlin@tcdconst.com

Name: Thomas Devlin

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: Hey Reb

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

Bring back Hey Reb!

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

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Email: brianna.bordon@gmail.com

Name: Brianna Bordon

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: Bring back Hey Reb, please!

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

Bring back Hey Reb, please and thank you!

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

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Email: mryjne28@yahoo.com

Name: Jamie Wallace

Representing someone other than yourself?: Alexander Gaglio

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: Save our Mascot!

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

Comment:

Save our Mascot!

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

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Email: mikecooperlv@gmail.com

Name: Michael Cooper

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: HeyReb

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

Bring Back HeyReb

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

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Email: marcoel@unlv.nevada.edu

Name: Elena Marcos

Representing someone other than yourself?: N/A

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: Agenda item

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

Our university should be a place where everyone feels welcome. By putting a racist mascot back in place that is literally celebrating the genocide of Native Americans, what are we as a university saying to our Native students? Here's what I hear as a Native student: we love Indian killers and we're glad that these Indian killers openly murdered your ancestors and took their land. I believe that our university has such a strong identity and vibrancy that we don't need to cling to racist and outdated mascots to have school pride. I think this is an opportunity to show that we deserve the title of the most diverse university in the country by respecting the diverse students at UNLV and not celebrating a genocidal chapter of history. We're better than this.

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

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Email: rockna1@embarqmail.com

Name: Nedra Denise Cooper

Representing someone other than yourself?: NO

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: General Public Comment

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

As a 1988 graduate and life member of the University of Nevada Las Vegas, I respectfully oppose the reinstatement of the "Hey Reb" mascot. A mascot should embody inclusivity and represent the diverse students body. "Hey Reb," however, is deeply associated with symbols of racism and division. For many individuals, including those who look like me, the mascot evokes painful memories of this being the West Mississippi, a region historically linked to hatred, inequality and false narratives.

For decades, athletes and students alike have been forced to navigate a culture where silence was a necessary means of survival because of the consequences for speaking out. But a mascot, as a representation of our university, should promote unity, respect, and understanding. It should reflect the values of all the students, irrespective of their background, and foster an environment of inclusivity.

For those who are not personally offended by the symbol, it is important to recognize that there are many who are. A mascot should be something that every member of the community can identify with, not a source of division. I urge the university to consider , new, unifying symbol that reflects our commitment to inclusiveness and respect for all

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

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Email: tammi.tiger@gmail.com

Name: Tammi Tiger

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: General Public Comment

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

Comment:

My name is Tammi Tiger, I submit this public comment for consideration of any discussion or possible action relating to a mascot to represent UNLV and our Rebels. I am faculty at UNLV and also a founding member of the Native American Alumni Club.

I strongly oppose the reinstatement of the "Hey Reb" mascot. We have moved forward as a community and it's time for a new mascot to unify our community and represent our values. This is not a new concept to Las Vegas, we are constantly reinventing ourselves. And now, as we become the entertainment AND sports capital of the world, it's more important than ever that we are thoughtful about our mascot representation.

I recently heard an excellent suggestion from one of our students and would fully support a mascot that is an animal or land object that is Indigenous to this area – such as the Runnin' Rebel Roadrunners. They are both fierce and fast and have always outsmarted their competitors, whether a coyote or a wolf. Please be transparent about this matter and bring our community together with a Rebel mascot makeover. Thank you.

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

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Email: ben@rfccollective.org

Name: Ben West

Representing someone other than yourself?: Rena Flying Coyote Collective

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: General Public Comment

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

Comment:

Firstly, I'd like to thank the University of Nevada Las Vegas for your hospitality in hosting a screening and panel discussion surrounding our documentary film *Imagining The Indian: The Fight Against Native American Mascoting* just this November. We were glad to be back in Southern Nevada, where we have visited several times for interactive community screenings. In the film we highlight the fact that team names and mascots that are steeped in traumatic histories have very real and tangibly harmful consequences – not only to those historically affected, but to all of us. Decades of social science research has proven that these team names, mascots, and the behaviors they accommodate and encourage, amount to a crisis of public health. It is indeed a matter of fact, not a matter of opinion. We have screened the film in hundreds of places, many of them schools and universities, some that have undergone athletic re-branding and some that are having discussions about doing so. We have developed a curriculum in partnership with PBS Learning Media and the National Indian Education Association in an effort to educate people about the damage a mascot can do. I applaud UNLV for having moved on from Hey Reb! and its Confederate roots, and urge the institution to consider what might unify rather than divide as you contemplate a path forward. A bringing together of people is, after all, what a mascot is designed to do.

Thank you for your time,
Ben West (Cheyenne)
Executive Director, Rena Flying Coyote Collective

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Name: George Cole

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: Save hey reb

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

Save hey reb

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

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Name: Ezekiel Herrell

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: Tuition increases

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

The tuition increases would harm students trying to attend CSN. And those returning from a period of absent just to return to higher costs for their higher education.

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Name: Neuman McMillan

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: Bring back Hey Reb

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

As a young Nevadan, Hey Reb and UNLV were staple Vegas entertainment. Without a mascot, an iconic one at that, UNLV loses some of its identity. We need him back.

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

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Name: Yancey Burns

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: Hey Reb petition

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient Suzan Shown Harjo once said, “racism is a little like being pregnant, you can’t just be a little bit pregnant, you either are or you aren’t.”

Hey Reb isn’t just a little bit racist, it is racist. Y’all already know that, but it can’t hurt to remind you.

I was honored to screen and speak about a film I’m very proud of, Imagining The Indian: The Fight Against Native American Mascoting, last month at UNLV as part of their Native American Heritage Month celebrations.

The film addresses the public health impacts of racist mascots (spoiler: they have a negative effect on public health – higher rates of depression, lower self esteem, etc), and asks the question, “why should a mascot be more important than the health and well being of people?”

You’re going to have to ask yourself that question, and I have faith you’ll side with health and well-being and leave Hey Reb in the past, where it belongs.

Thank you for your time,
Yancey Burns
Chief Operating Officer, Rena Flying Coyote Collective

From: [NSHE](#)
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Name: Tim Daniel

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: Free Hey Reb!

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

The University of Nevada, Las Vegas should strongly consider bringing back Hey Reb! as its mascot, not as a symbol of division, but as a celebration of the true history and spirit that originally inspired it. When the school, then known as Nevada Southern University, sought independence from the University of Nevada, Reno in 1955, students selected Beauregard as the first mascot. Although intended as a playful counterpart to UNR's fierce wolf, concerns understandably grew over time that Beauregard's Confederate imagery did not reflect the values or history of the Las Vegas community.

That shift opened the door to a new identity. In 1982, local advertising partner Mike Miller helped reimagine what a Rebel could truly represent. Drawing inspiration from the mountain men of the 1800s, Miller envisioned a figure rooted in Nevada's authentic past, not the Confederacy. These rugged pathfinders were fiercely independent explorers who mapped trails, prospected for resources, and built the foundations of many early Western communities. Their legacy is still evident today in the very streets of downtown Las Vegas, bearing names like Carson, Ogden, Bonnevill, and Lewis and Clark.

Hey Reb! was created to honor this frontier spirit—one defined by exploration, resilience, and the courage to forge a new path. Restoring the mascot would reconnect UNLV with the original intent behind its Rebel identity: celebrating the pioneers who shaped Nevada's history, not the symbolism that never belonged to the community in the first place.

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From: [NSHE](#)
To: [Keri Nikolajewski](#); [Winter Lipson](#)
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Email: mathilda@nativevotesnv.org

Name: Mathilda Guerrero Miller

Representing someone other than yourself?: Native Voters Alliance NV

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: General Public Comment

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

My name is Mathilda Guerrero Miller. I am a proud UNLV alum, and my professional work in government relations and public affairs is grounded in the values this institution instilled in me—being different, daring, and unapologetically diverse. Those values guide my comment today.

Entertaining the return of Hey Reb is not a neutral exercise in nostalgia. It is a step backward. UNLV made a deliberate decision to retire a symbol that no longer reflected the students or communities this university serves. Reopening that debate sends a dangerous message that progress is optional and that the inclusion and dignity of students—especially students of color, Native students, and first-generation students—are subject to reconsideration. They are not.

Likewise, even discussing tuition increases while claiming to champion access and equity is contradictory at best and harmful at worst. Nevada students already face rising costs of living, limited financial aid, and economic uncertainty. Proposing higher tuition in this climate is not fiscal responsibility. It is barrier-building. It pushes working families further from opportunity and undermines the very mission of a public university.

UNLV's strength has always come from looking forward, not reaching back. Bringing back Hey Reb and raising tuition would betray the values that define this institution and the values

it taught me. I urge you to hold the line. Protect the progress UNLV has made. Protect its students. And protect the integrity of a university that has always dared to lead, not retreat.

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

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Name: Shayla Sly

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: Hey Reb!

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

Dear Members of the Board of Regents,

I am writing to respectfully express my support for reinstating Hey Reb! as the official mascot of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. As a symbol closely tied to the identity, history, and spirited culture of our university, Hey Reb! has long served as a unifying emblem for students, alumni, and the broader Las Vegas community.

While I fully recognize and appreciate the thoughtful conversations that led to the mascot's retirement, I believe there is a valuable opportunity to restore Hey Reb! in a way that honors tradition while embracing the inclusive values that UNLV stands for today. The historical narrative behind Hey Reb!—particularly his evolution into a representation of the independent, trailblazing spirit of Southern Nevada—can be preserved and strengthened through purposeful communication, transparency, and educational context.

UNLV has always prided itself on innovation and resilience. Reinstating Hey Reb! with intentional modernization can reflect those same qualities, demonstrating that our university can respect its heritage while continuing to grow in cultural awareness. By reframing the mascot as a symbol of determination, optimism, and community pride, we can ensure that he represents all Rebels, past and present.

For many alumni and students, campus traditions are part of what connects us to each other and to the institution long after graduation. Hey Reb! has played an essential role in those traditions—from athletic events to academic celebrations—and his return would restore a sense of continuity and shared identity that is currently missing.

I respectfully urge the Board to consider reinstating Hey Reb! through a collaborative process that includes student voices, alumni input, and community engagement to ensure that the mascot's future aligns with UNLV's commitments to diversity, unity, and progress.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

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Email: shaangulati2004@gmail.com

Name: Shaan Gulati

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: Fee Increases

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

I don't see why students have to front the majority of the cost for these pay raises that you're short on; considering that's the only thing mentioned is that students must pay the price, any mention of how NSHE board members can do something about the cost is vaguely mentioned, and not elaborated on. What are these fees even needed for in specific, other than to just patch up vacant faculty fees and the federal funding that's now been reduced?

Also, didnt Joe Lombardo just waive \$400,000 worth of fees from Elon Musk's OSHA violations? I know you may be in "separate departments" but you still have the ability to question and converse, and why that kind of money couldnt go back into those faculty fees instead? From my understanding you have a better ability to network with state officials and politicians then I or others like myself do.

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

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Email: ahmedl1@unlv.nevada.edu

Name: Leyla Castillo

Representing someone other than yourself?: Leyla Castillo

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: Agenda Item 23

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

Opposition to Tuition Increases and Request for Transparency

To the Board of Regents,

My name is Leyla Castillo, I am a UNLV student, and I want to be very clear, students cannot handle another tuition increase. The cost of attending UNLV is already pushing students to the limit. Many of us are juggling unstable housing, food insecurity, low paying jobs, and rising costs of living. Adding higher tuition on top of that is not only unrealistic, it is irresponsible. Before asking students for more money, I want to know exactly what UNLV and NSHE are spending our current tuition on.

Why is tuition being increased?

Where is the extra money going?

Why are students being asked to cover budget problems instead of the institution addressing its own spending?

What financial decisions were made that now require pulling more money from people who are already struggling?

It feels like students are constantly treated as the easiest source of extra funding. But we are not endless ATMs. We are people who are working jobs, supporting families, paying rent, and trying to stay enrolled. Many of us are barely staying afloat as it is.

This university talks about student success, but raising tuition directly undermines the ability of students to succeed, stay in school, or even remain housed.

If tuition is going up, students deserve complete transparency and a clear explanation. No

vague statements. No generalities. No “costs are rising” excuses. We want to see real numbers, real budgets, and real reasons.

Until that happens, I strongly urge the Board to vote no on any tuition or fee increase. Do not put more financial pressure on a student body that is already stretched to its breaking point.

Respectfully,

Leyla Castillo

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Name: Lauren Beals

Representing someone other than yourself?: CSUN

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: Tuition Fee Increase

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

Good morning Chair, Regents, Chancellor, and Presidents,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak today. My name is Lauren Beals, and I serve as a senator for the Lee Business School, and the UNLV Honors College.

And after attending the presentation on the tuition fee proposal in November, I understand the reasoning behind it; however, I believe it conflicts with the value of affordability that UNLV upholds. Many of my peers—especially commuter students, who make up more than 90% of UNLV’s student population—are already struggling to manage the cost of tuition. CSUN has worked hard to improve affordability for commuter students, but those efforts depend on collaboration with this body, and this proposal risks undermining that progress.

UNLV also emphasizes strengthening student life. Yet our commuter culture already makes it challenging for students to form connections. Students often cannot participate in things like clubs because they must work to afford tuition. If fees increase, I can only foresee our social culture deteriorating further—leading to weaker alumni networks and potentially lower graduation rates, especially given that campuses with stronger social cultures tend to see higher student success outcomes.

Finally, I want to express my support for Item 22, ensuring that unused student fees can

continue to benefit students.

Thank you.

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Name: Sergio Aguayo

Representing someone other than yourself?: Myself

Meeting: Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting, December 4-5, 2025

Agenda Item: Please bring back Hey Reb

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

As you know, Hey Reb! was created in 1982 by local artist Mike Miller, who designed the mascot for just one dollar as a gesture of community pride. Miller's inspiration came not from the Confederacy, but from the independent mountain men of the 1800s—a symbol of Nevada's rugged pioneer spirit and Western independence. His design reflected the values of resilience, freedom, and determination that continue to define the UNLV community today.

Over the years, Hey Reb! became an icon of school spirit, representing UNLV at athletic events, community gatherings, and in classrooms across the state. The mascot evolved thoughtfully—removing outdated imagery and modernizing its look—while continuing to generate pride and millions in licensing revenue for the university.

It's important to acknowledge that extensive research, including an official review and listening exercise conducted by university leadership, found no Confederate connection to either the Rebels nickname or the Hey Reb! mascot. The conclusion of that report was clear: "There is no reason for eliminating either the Rebels nickname or the Hey Reb! mascot due to any Confederate connection."

Given this, I ask that UNLV and NSHE reconsider the decision to retire Hey Reb! and instead celebrate the mascot's true origins—as a representation of independence, resilience, and Nevada pride.

Hey Reb! was born from community spirit, embraced by generations of students and alumni, and remains a unifying symbol for UNLV. Restoring him would honor both our history and the values that make this university great.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration. I would welcome the opportunity to further discuss this important matter.

With respect and Rebel pride!

Sergio Aguayo (Class of 2008)
UNLV Football Letter-Winner 2003-2007

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