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**To:** NSHE Contact <nshe\_contact@nshe.nevada.edu>  
**Subject:** NSHE Contact Form Message from Shelby Walker

**From:** Shelby Walker  
**email:** gsckwalker@gmail.com

**Message Body:**

Opposition to Proposed Tuition and Fee Increases

Dear Chairman Brooks and Members of the Nevada Board of Regents,

I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed tuition and fee increases for Nevada's public colleges and universities.

My spouse and I are both Nevada public school teachers, and this fall we will have twins entering college at the same time. Despite years of planning, we cannot afford the proposed increases. A \$900–\$1,200 annual increase per student is a significant burden for working families and public servants whose wages have not kept pace with rising costs.

Shifting budget shortfalls onto students and families — especially through multi-year, compounding increases — undermines the promise of accessible public higher education. While the proposal begins with non-resident tuition, it clearly places future fee increases on Nevada residents as well, creating uncertainty and hardship for in-state families.

Nevada should not balance higher education budgets on the backs of students and public employees. I urge the Board to pursue alternative solutions that do not further strain families who have dedicated their careers to serving this state.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Shelby Walker

Nevada Public School Teacher

Parent of Incoming College Freshmen Twins

**From:** [NSHE](#)  
**To:** [Keri Nikolajewski](#); [Winter Lipson](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment for the Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 14, 2026 5:03:34 PM

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### Public Comment for the Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Email:** [jmcclendon@unr.edu](mailto:jmcclendon@unr.edu)

**Name:** Jennifer McClendon

**Representing someone other than yourself?:** UNR Faculty Senate

**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Agenda Item:** Agenda Item 5

**In Favor / Opposed / Other:** In Favor

#### Comment:

Chair and Regents —

I am writing today as Faculty Senate Chair at UNR in support of the student fee increase. Faculty understand that any increase in fees has real implications for students and families, and we do not raise this issue lightly.

We are grateful for the COLAs you have supported in recent years. At the same time, institutions have struggled to absorb those increased costs within already tight budgets. Faculty are writing because, without additional recurring revenue, instructional and research funds will continue to be diverted—and program closures will become unavoidable.

When people ask me what it is like to work at UNR, I often talk about the extraordinary colleagues I work alongside – faculty who are among the best and brightest in their fields and who have chosen to be here in Nevada to elevate students and serve our local communities. There is hardly a week that goes by without a conversation about collaboration—most recently, a group of us met to discuss wraparound support for veterans receiving advanced robotic prosthetics, bringing together expertise in engineering, health sciences, workforce development, and human development. That kind of collaboration and impact depends on sustained investment.

That is why the prospect of program closure hits so hard. Program closures weaken creative and strategic problem solving, disrupt students' degree pathways, and drive talented students out of state.

Faculty have been doing our part, making do with less while securing grants, building online programs to expand access, and developing revenue-generating programs. But these efforts cannot replace stable base funding.

College is expensive, yes, but students deserve to get what they pay for. Holding costs flat by eliminating programs so students receive less is not a solution. Supporting a measured student fee increase is a necessary step to protect opportunity, preserve excellence, and keep Nevada's next generation of leaders here at home. Thank you.

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

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### Public Comment for the Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Email:** santol6@unlv.nevada.edu

**Name:** Lorizen Santos

**Representing someone other than yourself?:**

**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Agenda Item:** Tuition Increase

**In Favor / Opposed / Other:** In Opposition

**Comment:**

I am opposed to the tuition increase.

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

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**To:** [Keri Nikolajewski](#); [Winter Lipson](#)  
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### Public Comment for the Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Email:** cammi.may24@gmail.com

**Name:** Cammi Carpenter

**Representing someone other than yourself?:**

**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Agenda Item:** 5. PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES MANUAL REVISION, INCREASE IN TUITION AND FEES, ACADEMIC YEARS 26-27, 27-28, AND 28-29

**In Favor / Opposed / Other:** In Favor

**Comment:**

I am in favor of the tuition increase for NSHE institutions. I am a UNR alumni and I do not want to see services and academic programs cut at the university. This is a state funded University and the state should help fund it. It is not fair that for the workers to receive a liveable wage the university has to suffer. #1 – FUND HIGHER EDUCATION IN NEVADA!! #2 – If it is not going to be properly funded it at least allow a tuition raise to help out. I know you are all always concerned with being re-elected and that may sway your voting. I just want to say that this should NOT be a factor. Your job is to watch out for NSHE institutions and make sure they are operating properly, please do your jobs.

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

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**To:** [Keri Nikolajewski](#); [Winter Lipson](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment for the Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026  
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### Public Comment for the Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Email:** [edwardklvaldez@gmail.com](mailto:edwardklvaldez@gmail.com)

**Name:** Edward Valdez

**Representing someone other than yourself?:**

**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Agenda Item:** Proposed Tuition Increase

**In Favor / Opposed / Other:** In Opposition

#### Comment:

As a UNLV student, veteran, and parent, I appreciate the opportunity to share my perspective on the proposed tuition increase. I understand the financial challenges facing the NSHE system, but decisions like this have real, everyday consequences for students like me — especially nontraditional students, student parents, veterans, and those balancing school with work and family responsibilities.

For many of us, higher education is already a careful balancing act. Additional tuition increases risk pushing that goal further out of reach for the very communities public universities are meant to support. I respectfully urge the Board of Regents to prioritize transparency, seriously explore alternative funding options, and engage students in a meaningful way before moving forward. Student voices should not only be heard, but genuinely reflected in the final outcome.

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### Public Comment for the Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Email:** cheston131@gmail.com

**Name:** Cheston Carpenter

**Representing someone other than yourself?:**

**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Agenda Item:** General Public Comment

**In Favor / Opposed / Other:** In Favor

#### Comment:

My name is Cheston Carpenter, and I am the Executive Director of Environmental Health and Safety at the University of Nevada, Reno. I am a proud graduate of UNR and have worked in campus safety at UNR for nearly 20 years. I would like to state my support for the proposed student fee increases as a necessary step to stabilize the university during ongoing budget pressures, including recent COLAs.

From a safety and compliance perspective, continued downsizing is not sustainable. EH&S has experienced repeated staffing reductions even as campus size, research activity, and regulatory expectations have grown. Recruiting qualified safety professionals is increasingly difficult when comparable positions in the private sector, the City of Reno, and Washoe County offer significantly higher compensation. At the same time, existing faculty and staff are routinely covering unfunded vacancies, which cannot continue indefinitely.

Effective safety programs must be proactive. When staffing levels and financial support for safety initiatives are inadequate, the university is pushed into reactive responses after incidents occur—raising the risk of injuries, regulatory enforcement actions and fines, project delays, and reputational harm within the Reno community and beyond.

Student fee increases are never ideal, but the alternatives—continued erosion of safety capacity and essential support services—pose far greater long-term risk and cost. Stable

funding is critical to protecting people, maintaining compliance, and supporting UNR's academic and research mission. Although my focus is on the department which I'm responsible for maintaining, I know of many similar stories across campus in which colleagues are continually wondering how long these cuts to their own programs can be sustained. The University feels strained to a breaking point. For these reasons, I support the proposed fee increases.

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### Public Comment for the Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Email:** kathleenquach4@gmail.com

**Name:** Kathleen Quach

**Representing someone other than yourself?:**

**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Agenda Item:** UNLV Tuition Increases

**In Favor / Opposed / Other:** In Opposition

**Comment:**

I don't see why there needs to be a tuition increase, especially since we are already being charged just for parking at UNLV. Its already very hard for regular everyday people to pay for things just to survive. Increasing the tuition would just make things worse. Pricing more people out of an education is certainly not what we need right now.

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### Public Comment for the Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Email:** ronydelgarde@globalpaints.org

**Name:** Dr. Rony Delgarde

**Representing someone other than yourself?:**

**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Agenda Item:** PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES MANUAL FOR POSSIBLE ACTION REVISION, INCREASE IN TUITION AND FEES, ACADEMIC YEARS 26-27, 27-28, AND 28-29 Chancellor Matt McNair and Chief Financial Officer Chris Viton will present for possible action options related to proposed fee increases consistent with the intent of the Board of Regents Handbook, Title 4, Chapter 17, Section 1.2.c, which provides for additional fee

**In Favor / Opposed / Other:** In Favor

**Comment:**

Chair and Members of the Board of Regents,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide public comment on the proposed revision to the Procedures and Guidelines Manual and the consideration of tuition and fee adjustments for Academic Years 2026–27, 2027–28, and 2028–29.

I submit this comment in support of the proposal and as a graduate of the Public Policy program, Class of 2025, and the first person in my family to earn a higher education degree. Walking across the stage was a life-changing moment that gave me confidence, purpose, and a sense of belonging. That experience is the reason I support this item. I want students from similar backgrounds to have the same opportunity to access quality education, complete their degrees, and become engaged and valuable contributors to our communities and state.

The materials presented reflect a responsible and transparent approach to addressing fiscal challenges while maintaining academic quality, student services, and long-term institutional stability. The attention to affordability, student access funds, and financial aid demonstrates a

commitment to equity and student success, even during difficult financial circumstances.

Higher education is one of Nevada's most important investments. I respectfully encourage the Board of Regents to support the proposed actions to ensure NSHE institutions remain strong, accessible, and sustainable for current and future students.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dr. Rony Delgarde  
Public Policy Graduate, Class of 2025

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### Public Comment for the Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

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**Name:** Sobhan Ebrahimi Azar

**Representing someone other than yourself?:**

**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Agenda Item:** Agenda Item #5

**In Favor / Opposed / Other:** In Opposition

#### Comment:

Hello, my name is Sobhan Ebrahimi Azar, and I am a PhD student at UNLV.

I am writing to oppose Agenda Item #5 regarding the proposed tuition and registration fee increases. While I understand the financial challenges facing NSHE and our institutions, this proposal places a disproportionate burden on students who are already struggling with rising costs of housing, food, utilities, and other necessities.

I am deeply concerned by the lack of transparency and the late release of critical information, including preliminary estimates of faculty and staff position eliminations, provided only days before this vote. Students and shared governance bodies deserve adequate time and data to meaningfully understand the long-term academic and enrollment impacts of these increases. Additionally, there has been insufficient evidence presented on how higher tuition will affect student access, retention, and equity, especially for first-generation and low-income students.

Nevada's affordability in higher education has long been a point of pride and an engine for upward social mobility. Tuition increases risk undermining that mission and shifting the consequences of funding shortfalls onto those least able to absorb them.

I respectfully urge the Board of Regents to reject or delay this proposal and instead pursue more transparent planning, stronger legislative engagement, and solutions that do not further

limit access to higher education.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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**To:** Keri Nikolajewski; Winter Lipson  
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### Public Comment for the Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Email:** richdunn@aol.com

**Name:** Rich Dunn

**Representing someone other than yourself?:**

**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Agenda Item:** General Public Comment

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

#### Comment:

I believe that community colleges shouldn't have any more tuition than public high schools do. After all, community colleges originally grew out of urban K-12 systems, mostly for vocational programs. Once they turned into "Junior" colleges, they started offering two-year liberal arts degrees that included breadth requirements for math and humanities. That's still an extension of the standard high school curreculum, and we all know that a high school diploma is no guarantee that the grad has the skills needed for college-level work. That's why majority minority community colleges spend so much time (and money) on remedial courses. They are a middle ground that services the needs of an economy that has no room for citizens with marginal skills. With the cost of everything going up faster than wages, a lot of community college students are already on a ramen diet and sometimes sleeping in their vehicles. Most have jobs, but if they are forced to work too many hours, they could be left with insufficient time to do their reading or write their papers. Ideally, community colleges should be tuition-free, even in the best of times, and that should be the long-term goal in my view. For now, I urge the Regents not to raise tuition or fees at any of Nevada's community colleges.

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

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### Public Comment for the Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Email:** rmarston@tmcc.edu

**Name:** Ron Marston

**Representing someone other than yourself?:** I am speaking as the Department Chair of Visual and Performing Arts at TMCC

**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Agenda Item:** Agenda item 10 – special meeting 01/23/2026

**In Favor / Opposed / Other:** In Favor

#### Comment:

This self-funded capital project brings a long awaited and much needed theater and performing arts space to the Dandini campus that will serve the community and students in ways TMCC currently isn't able to do. Academically, Performing Arts at TMCC offers transferrable AA degrees in Dance, Music, and Theatre, as well as new Skills Certificates in Theatre Tech and Music Recording Tech. The program is working with all the local players to create the venerable ideal pipeline: high school students – TMCC – UNR/UNLV – local stagehands union – local theatre companies. East View will serve as a critical piece of the pipeline.

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

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### Public Comment for the Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Email:** [staciag@unr.edu](mailto:staciag@unr.edu)

**Name:** Stacia Gordon

**Representing someone other than yourself?:**

**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Agenda Item:** Agenda item #5

**In Favor / Opposed / Other:** In Favor

#### Comment:

Good morning. My name is Stacia Gordon, and I am a faculty member in the Department of Geological Sciences at the University of Nevada, Reno. I am writing to express my support for the proposed student fee increases as a necessary step to stabilize the university's finances following recent much needed COLAs. While fee increases are never ideal, the alternative—reductions to academic programs, faculty positions, and student support services—poses a much greater threat to the quality and integrity of our institution and to the future of this university. Adequate funding is essential to protecting the educational experiences that make UNR strong and to ensuring that students can complete their degrees in a timely and meaningful way.

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

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### Public Comment for the Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Email:** [kchorpening@unr.edu](mailto:kchorpening@unr.edu)

**Name:** Kelly Chorpening

**Representing someone other than yourself?:**

**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Agenda Item:** 5

**In Favor / Opposed / Other:** In Favor

#### Comment:

This is such an important moment for the university. I understand the consequences for students and their families of a tuition increase. After all, I am a parent of a child about to submit applications for Fall 2027. But I am also a department chair and I believe a budget reduction exercise would negatively impact what we have to offer, in terms of breadth, depth, quality and morale. Combined, this would undoubtedly have serious consequences upon the university's standing, resulting in more students leaving Nevada to pursue their education. What's bad for the university, would also be very bad for the state.

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### Public Comment for the Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Email:** eric@landnystrom.com

**Name:** Eric Nystrom

**Representing someone other than yourself?:**

**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Agenda Item:** 5

**In Favor / Opposed / Other:** In Favor

**Comment:**

While I understand that it can be difficult to ask students to pay more than they currently do, raising student fees to avoid layoffs at NSHE institutions is absolutely critical for the health and robustness of the universities. I am a professor at UNR who understands first-hand how critically thin our faculty are. Staffing shortages and unfilled positions already make it difficult for students to find the classes they need. Cutting positions due to a lack of action will certainly impact the time-to-degree for more students because they will not be able to find the class spots that they need to take in order to graduate. (You might say, offer more large classes, but we literally do not have those classrooms on campus — we have only a handful of large, expensive lecture halls, and they are already booked solid.)

Even with the maximum fee increase, NSHE tuition remains a good deal lower than its peers, and failing to act now puts our institutional reputation and grant-earning capability at risk. This directly impacts the value of a UNR degree, once earned.

Before UNR, I was a tenured professor at Arizona State University, and saw first hand how ASU prioritized both access and research excellence. Even at ASU, however, in-state students paid much more than UNR students pay. Apples-to-apples comparisons are difficult because estimated tuition costs are shown differently if you simply do an online search, for example, UNR makes its estimation based on 15 credits per semester, and ASU based on 12 credits per year. But a comparison between ASU and UNR of 2 semesters of 12 credits of in-state

undergraduate tuition, including mandatory student fees but excluding all other expenses (housing, books, etc), shows that the UNR student would pay \$8,814.40, and the ASU student would pay \$13,534, a difference of \$4,719.60 or 34.87%.

I encourage the Regents to think of the long-term health of the institutions for which they are responsible, and to vote in favor of the increase.

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**Email:** Renata.Keller@gmail.com

**Name:** Renata Keller

**Representing someone other than yourself?:**

**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Agenda Item:** Agenda Item 5

**In Favor / Opposed / Other:** In Favor

#### Comment:

I urge the Board to approve the student fee increases. I know that this is a difficult time to raise costs for students, but we seem to be faced with either raising the costs or lowering the quality of their education. Without the fee increases, our universities will be forced to reduce programs and lay off faculty and staff. This will significantly reduce the quality of education for ALL students, and particularly our most vulnerable and those whose degrees of study will disappear. It will also harm the lives of the faculty and administrators who work hard to keep our universities thriving.

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### Public Comment for the Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

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**Name:** Jennifer Mortensen

**Representing someone other than yourself?:**

**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Agenda Item:** Proposed Student Fee Increases

**In Favor / Opposed / Other:** In Favor

#### Comment:

I am an Associate Professor in the College of Education and Human Development at UNR and I am writing in support of student fee increases. I am incredibly sympathetic to the increasing costs students face in higher education, but without these increases, UNR will face incredible challenges and our capacity to serve future students effectively will be threatened. Without fee increases, UNR estimates:

\*Reductions of up to 81 faculty and student-facing staff positions, limiting course availability and our capacity to teach, mentor, and support students.

\*Elimination of an estimated seven academic programs through curricular review, weakening opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration and potentially disrupting students' degree pathways and time to graduation.

\*Fewer faculty to submit and manage grant applications, threatening graduate student funding, research productivity, and our R1 status.

This is not a sustainable plan for our land grant university. I was hired for my professor position as part of about 80 new faculty hires that came to the university in 2016 – which were approved in part to help rebuild from the budget cuts after the 2008 financial crisis. These hires also helped launch UNR to R1 status. The proposed cuts would eliminate all that we have gained as a university.

Again, I am very sympathetic to the students, but without additional state funding support this is one of the only revenue options. Thank you for considering my public comment.

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### Public Comment for the Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Email:** cbauer@unr.edu

**Name:** Candice Bauer

**Representing someone other than yourself?:**

**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Agenda Item:** #5 INCREASE IN TUITION AND FEES, ACADEMIC YEARS 26-27, 27-28, AND 28-29

**In Favor / Opposed / Other:** In Favor

**Comment:**

Supporting measured tuition fee increases is a pragmatic approach to protecting core student services and instructional quality. When institutions face budget shortfalls, reductions disproportionately affect student-facing units and the lecturers and teaching faculty who deliver the majority of instruction, directly undermining student success and continuity of support. Thoughtful tuition adjustments can mitigate these outcomes by stabilizing funding for the services and personnel students rely upon most.

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### Public Comment for the Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Email:** [wieand@unlv.nevada.edu](mailto:wieand@unlv.nevada.edu)

**Name:** Liana Wieand

**Representing someone other than yourself?:** Member of the Honors Student Council of UNLV's Honors College

**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Agenda Item:** Item 7, UNLV Honors College Fee

**In Favor / Opposed / Other:** In Favor

#### Comment:

Good morning Board of Regents and guests. My name is Liana and I am a student here at UNLV in the Honors College and am the Secretary of the Honors Student Council. I am here today to encourage the Board to consider the UNLV Honors College Program Fee Proposal, under Agenda Item #7. Dean Menegatos' planned changes not only are in compliance with NSHE guidelines, but also promotes transparency amongst Honors students. I, along with other students, were actively unaware of the fees attached to Honors courses. The total amounts paid to complete the program are generally unknown. The proposed one-time fee lays out exactly what course fees are paid and creates less of a financial burden on students. Currently, the average student pays around \$250 for the University Honors Program during the duration of the program. The proposed fee lowers the it to just \$125. Back in the spring, Dean Menegatos met with my club, the Honors Student Council, to talk about the proposed changes and gauge feedback. She held thoughtful conversations and genuinely wanted to hear our opinions. In addition, she held several town halls so that all students of the Honors College community could give input. This truly shows her dedication to student success. The Honors College provides students with new diverse points of view and encourages expanded thinking. As a Biology student, I have opportunities to take classes that involve law and global culture. I am grateful the opportunities the Honors College has given me and hope the Regents will show favor towards this proposal in order to continue the success of students. Thank you!

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**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Agenda Item:** Agenda Item 5

**In Favor / Opposed / Other:** In Favor

**Comment:**

I am in favor of the proposed student fee increases as they are completely necessary to ensure the operational integrity and quality of education at UNR. Without these fee increases, our university (and other institutions in the state) would suffer crippling consequences immediately and in the long term, severely compromising the position of higher education in Nevada for the foreseeable future.

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**Agenda Item:** Agenda Item 5: PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES MANUAL REVISION, INCREASE IN TUITION AND FEES, ACADEMIC YEARS 26-27, 27-28, AND 28-29

**In Favor / Opposed / Other:** In Opposition

**Comment:**

I am deeply concerned that the options presented focused exclusively on impacts to students, faculty, and staff, with no consideration given to other discretionary or nonessential initiatives. For example, the university branding project represents a significant financial investment, but does not appear to be a critical priority given the current significant budget shortfall. Overall, it seems that a very limited range of cost-saving alternatives was considered, and that other viable options, such as postponing this project and others like it, were not adequately explored. It feels that this vote is forced onto university community with the tone of "do it, or else", while both options seem hopeless either way.

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**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Agenda Item:** Agenda Item 5

**In Favor / Opposed / Other:** In Favor

#### Comment:

My name is Sarah Mitchell, and I am a faculty member in the Department of Human Development, Family Science, and Counseling. I support the proposed student fee increase because, without additional recurring revenue, UNR and other NSHE institutions will be forced to eliminate or significantly reduce academic programs.

Program cuts directly affect students' ability to complete their degrees. When programs are reduced or closed, students experience disruptions to their degree pathways and uncertainty about course availability, which can delay graduation and weaken the educational experience they were promised when they enrolled.

From a faculty perspective, ongoing cuts undermine academic quality and program stability in ways that are difficult to reverse. According to materials before the Board, failure to approve the proposed fee increase would place more than 300 faculty and staff positions at risk across NSHE institutions. Maintaining viable, well-supported programs is essential to student success and to NSHE's responsibility and reputation as a collective of public institutions.

I urge the Board of Regents to approve this measure to protect students, programs, and the long-term health of all NSHE institutions. Thank you for your consideration.

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**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Agenda Item:** Student Fee Increase

**In Favor / Opposed / Other:** In Favor

#### Comment:

Dear Members of the Board,

I am writing in strong support of the proposed student fee increase under Agenda Item 5. As the Director of Counseling Services at UNR, I see firsthand how institutional investment directly affects student success, health, safety, and retention. Demand for mental health, wellness, and support services continues to rise in volume and complexity. Students today face unprecedented academic pressure, financial stress, social isolation, and mental health challenges. These are not peripheral issues — they directly shape learning outcomes, persistence to graduation, campus safety, and workforce readiness.

Sustaining adequate staffing and services is essential not only for crisis response, but also for prevention, early intervention, accessibility, and equity. When support systems are under-resourced, students wait longer for care, faculty absorb additional emotional labor, and academic disruption increases. Conversely, appropriate investment in student support infrastructure reduces downstream costs associated with attrition, delayed graduation, emergency care, and workforce instability.

I recognize that any fee increase impacts students and families, and affordability must remain a core value. At the same time, failing to maintain operational capacity carries serious and lasting consequences: reduced access to care and advising, diminished academic offerings, increased burnout among faculty and staff, and erosion of the student experience that undermines recruitment, retention, and institutional excellence.

From a mental health and student success perspective, this proposal represents a responsible

investment in stability and long-term educational outcomes, allowing students to learn, thrive, and complete their degrees.

I urge the Board to approve the proposed fee increase to sustain the academic mission of the University and protect the wellbeing and future contributions of Nevada's students.

Thank you, Yani L. Dickens, PhD, MBA

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**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Agenda Item:** Item 5 – INCREASE IN TUITION AND FEES

**In Favor / Opposed / Other:** In Favor

**Comment:**

I am Ethan Ris, a UNR professor and department chair in the College of Education. I am also an expert on higher education policy.

The proposal to raise tuition will have no effect on college access for low-income Nevadans. Since the 1970s, scholars have examined “price response” in higher education and found that over time, demand has become highly inelastic – meaning that students and families value college and are willing to pay more for high-quality education.

Inelasticity is particularly true for low-income students. The latest research (Delaney & Marcott, 2024) shows that price increases have no effect on low-income enrollment at public 4-year institutions. A study of the massive 32% tuition increases instituted by the University of California Regents in 2009 found that the percentage of low-income students at the UCs actually increased by 14% after the price hike (Douglass & Lapid, 2018).

This is hard to believe, but it is explained by the strategy of cross-subsidization. Put briefly, increasing tuition for students who can afford it means increased aid for their low-income peers. This is very much the case in Nevada, based on the Regents’ 2010 mandate that 4-year institutions set aside 15% of tuition and fees revenue for financial aid programs.

Speaking personally on a point of principle, I believe that public colleges and universities

should be free for undergraduates, since a highly educated population is the most direct way to ensure a free and prosperous society. But that is not a realistic goal in the near future. The next best alternative is to gently raise tuition for those who can afford it, while making sure that no one is denied access to college because of their income.

Delaney & Marcott (2024). The Cost of Public Higher Education and College Enrollment. *Journal of Higher Education*, 95(4).

Douglass & Lapid (2018). Tuition as a Path for Affordability? The Pursuit of a Progressive Tuition Model. *California Journal of Politics and Policy*, 10(1).

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**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Agenda Item:** NSHE Fees

**In Favor / Opposed / Other:** In Opposition

#### Comment:

DO NOT allow the fees of college to keep burdening students of this state more and more. As a former student of UNR, I find even the thought of an increase despicable. You guys are supposed to be help make public colleges and universities more affordable for everyone. Instead you're putting your lack of ability to negotiate on students behalfs their burden. Demand what's right for the students and we wouldn't be in a situation of needing to raise out of pockets fees paid by students by 12%. Demand our legislature actually do something good NSHE by RAISING the budget. If our incompetent governor isn't going to do anything about it as usual, ask donors to more than eve. There is no reason why this burden should have to be put on students.

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**Agenda Item:** Agenda item #5 – PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES MANUAL REVISION, INCREASE IN TUITION AND FEES, ACADEMIC YEARS 26-27, 27-28, AND 28-29

**In Favor / Opposed / Other:** In Opposition

**Comment:**

i do not support an increase in tuition. Tuition cost is already high when compared to the median income for las vegas as well as increase cost of living only makes higher education less accessible for lower-income people like myself. it is already difficult to work 2 jobs and give the necessary amount of time required to be successful in the classes I am enrolled in, increasing tuition just adds to the difficulty of attending university and attempting to create a better future for myself. this past semester, unlv claimed to have the highest enrollment in history of the university, that increase in enrollment, along with the increase revenue that it brings, in my understanding, should be sufficient in replacing what this tuition increase would be doing for the budget.

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**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Agenda Item:** Tuition Increase

**In Favor / Opposed / Other:** In Opposition

#### Comment:

Hello, my name is Christine Nolan, and I am a Public Affairs PhD candidate at UNLV.

I am speaking today to oppose the Agenda Item related to the 12% tuition increase because it is too much to intake in one period. I was a member and sat through various UNLV Graduate Professional Student Association (GSPA) meetings in recent years. Here are just a few pertinent details.

- Alongside this proposed tuition increase, student have already incurred increases in Technology, Academic Success, and other fees.
- Other necessary basic needs have increased significantly. Health insurance "on the ACA Marketplaces is rising 26%, on average, in 2026 (Cox, 2025).
- The student population at UNLV consists of over 50% first generation students (Hurtado, 2024) with over 30% of the students living in low income households (UNLV Campus Life, 2015).
- "Roughly 1 in 5 UNLV students lacks consistent access to enough food, which impacts their personal health and academic performance. A number of UNLV students also face housing insecurity" (UNLV Government & Community Engagement, 2025).
- The 12% increase for non-residents would make the UNLV and UNR non-resident rate more expensive than the University of California system and Oregon's.

As a minority serving institution, this increase could price out many throughout the student

body. This may have a trickle down effect on other goals, like UNLV's R1 designation for research excellence from the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education. If there is less student body contributing to research, is the expectation to have very high research activity reasonable? The R1 title with our tuition rate is a selling point for UNLV to entice researcher to come to our university.

I urge the Board to reject this tuition increase. The committee that submitted the 12% increase proposal met only three times in a single month. The student body and the future of our position within academia deserves more.

Thank you, Christine Nolan

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**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Agenda Item:** NSHE 12% tuition increase

**In Favor / Opposed / Other:** In Opposition

#### Comment:

Please vote against a tuition increase. Nevadans are facing very difficult financial time and it is becoming increasingly difficult to keep up with the cost of living beyond education. Additionally, student loans have become less of an option for many due to the lack of affordable payment or forgiveness opportunities. Students should not go into crippling debt in order to get an education.

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**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Agenda Item:** 5. INCREASE IN TUITION AND FEES

**In Favor / Opposed / Other:** In Favor

#### Comment:

I am writing to comment on the proposed increase in Tuition and Fees.

I agree that no one really wants to create an increased cost burden for our students, but the fact remains that by not providing additional funding the State of Nevada has decided that they value not raising taxes over maintaining low cost access to higher education for our students.

I also think that as bad as the increased costs of education are for our students the lost opportunities to our students that would come by eliminating programs that are important for career options will be even more damaging to them but also to the State of Nevada.

I will provide a concrete example. During the last round of program cuts at UNR after the 2008 financial crisis, one of the programs that was eliminated was a Master's program in Land Use Planning. This program was relatively small because of its specialized focus; although small, graduates of that program were in such high demand that every student graduating had a job offer before graduating.

Since being cut UNR has never been able to replace the faculty who were lost and the program has never returned. This means that there is currently no Planning program in the State of Nevada. Every single planning agency in Nevada now has to recruit students from outside the state and any Nevadans who are interested in a career in planning must leave Nevada for

training.

And so to our Regents I ask. Is this really what you want?

To our University Presidents I would like to provide a different message. Do you not realize how bad it looks to the public of the State of Nevada and to our students when you are raising tuition and asking for funds while building new buildings and buying up real estate for millions of dollars

How can we both be spending millions while also asking students to pay more and talking about eliminating programs? Why is there always money for stuff but never money for people?

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**Agenda Item:** Item 5: Proposed tuition increase

**In Favor / Opposed / Other:** In Opposition

**Comment:**

Hello Regents,

My name is Mark Ciavola, UNLV Class of 2015. From 2011–2014, I served students in CSUN as a Senator and as a two-term Student Body President.

I am writing in firm opposition to the proposed tuition increase and in full support of CSUN's resolution against it.

Since I left student government nearly 12 years ago, UNLV tuition has increased 51%, from \$191.50 to \$288.50 per credit, while mandatory student fees have doubled to \$1,630 per year. Despite the increases, students have not seen meaningful improvements.<sup>SEPSEP</sup> UNLV's four-year graduation rate is a dismal 25%, and only about half of students graduate within six years.

Now, despite NSHE's Predictable Pricing Program, which already raises tuition annually based on the Higher Education Pricing Index, students are being asked to absorb an additional 12% increase.

If approved, a student who enrolled in the Fall 2025 semester will see tuition rise 27.3% between their 1st and 4th academic years, reaching \$367.25 per credit. (Source: The Nevada Independent) This increase will reduce access to education and make it harder to graduate. It

will force students to take on more debt, work more hours, or drop out. ~~[SEP]~~ Faculty and staff salaries are already built into the Predictable Pricing Program. This proposal asks students to pay more on top of that, even as affordability continues to decline.

When budgets tighten, institutions are never asked to sacrifice administrative growth, fix structural inefficiencies, or delay long-term capital priorities. Instead, they threaten academics while they misallocate and misspend student fees and sit on tens of millions of dollars in unspent fees in overflowing accounts.

I urge you to vote no, and require institutions to do the work to absorb salary increases without hurting students and the quality of their education.

Thank you.

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**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Agenda Item:** 5

**In Favor / Opposed / Other:** In Opposition

**Comment:**

Hello, my name is Masoud Borna, and I am a Water Resources second year international student at UNLV.

I am writing to oppose Agenda Item #5 regarding the proposed tuition and registration fee increases. While I recognize the financial challenges facing NSHE, this proposal places an especially heavy burden on international students, many of whom are not authorized to work outside of very limited on-campus employment and must rely solely on modest stipends to cover tuition and living expenses.

Rising costs for housing, food, utilities, and healthcare have already stretched students' budgets to their limits. For international students, tuition increases cannot be offset by additional employment or financial aid options, leaving us with no flexibility to absorb higher costs. These increases risk forcing students to delay completion of their degrees or leave their programs entirely.

I am also concerned by the lack of transparency and the late release of critical budget information provided only days before this vote. Students deserve sufficient time and data to understand how these increases will impact enrollment, retention, and academic quality. Nevada's affordability in higher education has long been a point of pride, and tuition increases threaten to undermine access and equity for students who are already financially vulnerable.

I respectfully urge the Board of Regents to reject or delay this proposal and pursue solutions that do not further limit access to higher education, particularly for international students.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Agenda Item:** #1

**In Favor / Opposed / Other:** In Opposition

**Comment:**

“Hello, my name is Kristina, and I am in my 2nd year of the graduate program for Special Education at University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

I am speaking today to oppose Agenda Item #1 because the impact it would have on students and those wanting to enroll. Cost of living has increased but not salaries. I am a teacher for Clark

County School District and even with the extra educational classes or extra credits, it is not a guarantee that I would move over a column to increase my salary.

I urge the Board to reject the increase of tuition.

Thank you for your time.”

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**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Agenda Item:** General Public Comment

**In Favor / Opposed / Other:** In Opposition

**Comment:**

I am a PhD graduate student at UNLV and a non-resident student. I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed 12% graduate tuition increase. This increase would significantly impact my financial stability and my ability to continue my graduate studies.

As a graduate student who relies on a tuition waiver, uncertainty around GA funding is deeply concerning. I am especially concerned about the potential impact on graduate assistants and the security of tuition waivers, which are critical for many graduate students. I respectfully ask the Board to reconsider this proposal or delay the decision until sustainable state funding solutions are secured.

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From: Carmina Aglubat  
To: Regents of the State of Nevada  
Date: January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026

RE: Statement on Tuition Increases for January 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting

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Dear Regents,

I hope you are well. My name is Carmina Aglubat. While I currently serve as the President of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada, I am writing to you today in my personal capacity. I do so intentionally. Writing as an individual student allows me to approach this issue without obligation to represent a position, constituency or institution, and instead to reflect carefully and impartially on what I believe is in the best interest of the University of Nevada and its students.

I have spent the last several years listening closely to students, engaging with university systems and learning firsthand how the decisions made at this level ripple through every corner of campus life. I have done this through my position in student government, engagement in numerous clubs and strong relationships with the community as an active Nevadan.

Like many students, my initial reaction to a tuition increase was to pause in hesitation. Tuition increases are never easy to support, especially at a time when families across Nevada are facing increasing financial strain. That concern is valid, and it deserves respect. But leadership — whether formal or informal — requires the ability to sit with complexity rather than retreat from it.

After careful reflection, I believe supporting this tuition increase is the responsible path forward.

While much of the conversation surrounding tuition has focused on academic programs, it is equally important to consider the impact on Student Services should the University receive reduced support from the state budget due to inaction. If the University does not demonstrate proactive fiscal responsibility, difficult reductions will follow, and Student Services are often among the first areas affected.

Offices such as the Multicultural Center, the Dean of Students Office, Fraternity and Sorority Life, Career Services, the First-Generation Center and Disability Support Services provide the

infrastructure that allows students to persist and succeed outside the classroom. When funding is reduced, these offices are forced to shorten hours, limit programming and respond reactively rather than proactively. Students experience longer wait times for assistance, fewer opportunities for connection and reduced access to support during moments of need. The consequences extend beyond inconvenience: delayed accommodations undermine equitable access, crisis response becomes more limited and leadership development, career advising and risk-management education are scaled back, narrowing pathways into Nevada's workforce and increasing institutional risk.

Over time, these reductions hurt institutional capacity. Staffing vacancies, role consolidation and burnout disrupt consistent care and weaken the trust students place in the University. The burden falls most heavily on first-generation students, students with disabilities, students from historically marginalized communities and those facing financial hardship. Cuts to Student Services do not generate long-term savings; they create downstream costs through reduced retention, delayed graduation and diminished effectiveness. Student Services are not a luxurious accessory to the academic mission — they make it possible.

Public service often requires making decisions that are uncomfortable in the present to safeguard the future. It means choosing stewardship over popularity and sustainability over ease. I recognize the weight of that responsibility, and I do not envy the position you are in.

But moments like this define institutions. They reveal whether we are willing to invest in people, and whether we are prepared to protect the long-term health of Nevada's flagship university. This is not just a decision about tuition. It is a decision about the kind of institution we want to be, and the kind of Nevada we want to build.

Thank you for your time, consideration and your continued service.

Respectfully,  
Carmina Aglubat

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### Public Comment for the Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Email:** chugenglish@unr.edu

**Name:** Cheryl Hug-English

**Representing someone other than yourself?:**

**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Agenda Item:** 5

**In Favor / Opposed / Other:** In Favor

#### Comment:

For the record, my name is Cheryl Hug-English, and I serve as the Director of the Student Health Center at the University of Nevada, Reno. I want to begin by acknowledging that any increase in student fees is difficult. These decisions carry real weight for students and families, and none of us take that lightly. At the same time, our foremost responsibility is to ensure that students have the resources they need to achieve their academic and professional goals. Our campus has already taken significant steps to control costs and improve efficiencies, but the reality is that we are now at a point where further reductions will directly undermine student success. If these fee increases are not approved, we will face the loss of faculty positions, reduced course availability, and cuts to the programs and support services that students depend on. These are not abstract impacts, they affect students' ability to access required classes, receive mentorship, and stay on track to graduate on time. Maintaining a high-quality educational environment requires stable and adequate investment. Right now, that investment is not keeping pace with student needs. Supporting this increase is not easy, but it is necessary if we want to continue providing students with the tools, opportunities, and support systems that allow them to thrive. Please help us to do that.

Thank you for your consideration and thank you for your service.

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

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**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Agenda Item:** 5

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

**Comment:**

“Hello, my name is Emon, and I am a final semester grad student at UNLV.

I am speaking today to support/oppose Agenda #5 to Increase the tuition rate because I can't afford it.

I urge the Board to reconsider this decision.

Thank you for your time.”

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

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**Email:** jsorenson@tmcc.edu

**Name:** Jared Sorenson

**Representing someone other than yourself?:**

**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Agenda Item:** 10. EXECUTION OF CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT FOR EASTVIEW THEATRE, TMCC

**In Favor / Opposed / Other:** In Favor

#### Comment:

The TMCC EastView Theatre will solve the single largest hurdle to the advancement of the TMCC Performing Arts program. Students, employers, community partners, and other NSHE institutions continue to request professional-level training and programs. Pedagogically, the best way to provide professional training is with professional facilities, equipment, and experiences, which the EastView Theater will provide. I strongly support the approval of this contract, and I applaud in advance the Regents in their decision to support the development of the Arts and Entertainment workforce in Northern Nevada.

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### Public Comment for the Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Email:** maggie.farrell@unlv.edu

**Name:** Maggie Farrell

**Representing someone other than yourself?:** UNLV Deans

**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Agenda Item:** 5 – Increase in Tuition and Fees

**In Favor / Opposed / Other:** In Favor

#### Comment:

The Deans of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas support the proposed tuition increases outlined in Ref. BOR-5a. The Deans remain firmly committed to UNLV as an affordable, life-changing, access institution that provides quality education and advances Nevada's workforce and economy. However, the current gap in legislative funding cannot be bridged through additional cost reductions and enrollment growth alone. Further reliance on the Student Financial Assistance fund would significantly reduce UNLV's capacity to provide financial aid to 89% of our in-state, full-time undergraduate students. Similarly, available options within NSHE are insufficient to close the existing state funding gap. For example, cutting 80-90 positions would dramatically and adversely impact UNLV's ability to offer courses and provide academic support, extend time to graduation, and likely impact enrollment.

We recognize that tuition increases are not desirable; however, the proposal before the Regents represents a minimal adjustment necessary to cover existing costs. The request is not intended to fund new programs but to sustain core instructional and academic support functions. Upon full implementation in 2029, the estimated additional cost of the predictable and proposed tuition would be approximately \$1,200 per year. Even with this increase, UNLV's tuition would remain in the lower quartile among R1 institutions. The Deans remain committed to delivering high-quality education at the lowest possible cost to students but the magnitude of this lack of state funding will restrict our efforts.

Tuition discussions are inherently challenging, but careful analysis of economic impacts demonstrates the care and consideration exercised by our institutions to maintain affordability. For these reasons, we respectfully urge the Board of Regents to approve the proposed tuition increases.

UNLV Deans (please note that the deans' support does not represent all views of our faculty and staff)

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**Name:** Teresa Schultz

**Representing someone other than yourself?:**

**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Agenda Item:** Increase in tuition and fees

**In Favor / Opposed / Other:** In Favor

#### Comment:

Hello. My name is Teresa Schultz, and I am a librarian and faculty member at the University of Nevada, Reno. I am here to express my support for the proposed student fee increases as a necessary step to stabilize the university's finances following recent COLAs. I understand tuition and fees increases will negatively impact students. However, without these necessary increases, Nevada's universities and colleges will not be able to provide important support to students and will even have to cut important degree programs. Reductions to academic programs, faculty positions, and student support services pose a much greater threat to the quality and integrity of our institution. Adequate funding is essential to protecting the educational experiences that make UNR strong and to ensuring that students can complete their degrees in a timely and meaningful way.

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**Name:** Natalie Russell

**Representing someone other than yourself?:**

**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Agenda Item:** Item 10: Approval of Construction Agreement for the Eastview Theater

**In Favor / Opposed / Other:** In Favor

#### Comment:

Regents, thank you for your consideration and support of the Construction Agreement for the Eastview Theater at TMCC. As the Dean of Liberal Arts, I have seen firsthand the countless hours our Performing Arts faculty have worked to rebuild our programs post-COVID to better fulfill the academic and professional goals of our students and add to the cultural ethos and opportunities for our community. I have attended many performances and seen our students' talent, passion, and dedication to the Arts come to life. They deserve a state of the art facility where they can continue to develop as actors, dancers, musicians, and theatre and audio production professionals, and this space will provide these essential training and performance opportunities. The Eastview Theater will expand students' access to high quality education and workforce training and will highlight TMCC's capacity as a competitive and innovative community college and NSHE's commitment to a thriving Arts community in Northern Nevada. Thank you, again, for your consideration and support of this project.

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**Name:** Marian Berryhill

**Representing someone other than yourself?:**

**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Agenda Item:** Tuition Raise (and Accompanying 'Consciousness Raising re: Curricular Review')

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

#### Comment:

The Regents are considering a tuition increase to address budgetary problems across NSHE. As a faculty member, we have received email communications from administration encouraging us to advocate for this increase largely in self-interest because it is covering our incompletely state funded COLA. The UNR administration has indicated that 80 faculty positions might be in danger of elimination, without ever referencing a single administrative change, or similar loss in positions. The growth in the upper administration's numbers is a major source of faculty anger. Mid-level administrators cannot tell us what these people do, or why they are employed, or why we have a VP and an Associate Dean at Tahoe – where there are no students. Indeed, given the 12-month contracts of the administrative positions, fewer would need to be cut to balance the budget. I've heard the running joke that the 'VP of Beverage Selection' would be a good place to start looking closely at meaning and value. This kind of commentary is a reflection on the proliferation of administrative positions without purpose, and provides some insight regarding faculty morale. Furthermore, no students would lose programs or classes. Ideally, upper administrators would engage with students, teach a class each year, be involved. If they are doing these kinds of things – it would be good to hear about it. My view is that they are most interested in removing the pesky faculty and students from their workplace, and that is a truly, deeply depressing view to hold. I sincerely hope that budget evaluation will boost faculty hiring and protect our primary mission: serving the students and state of Nevada. Thank you for your time and efforts to improve NSHE.

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### Public Comment for the Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

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**Name:** Sarah Kraus

**Representing someone other than yourself?:**

**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Agenda Item:** Agenda 5 Increase in Tuition and Fees Academic Years 26-27, 27-28, 28-29

**In Favor / Opposed / Other:** In Opposition

#### Comment:

My name is Sarah Kraus. I am writing to you from the dual perspective of a student and a higher education administrator to share my view on the proposed tuition and fee increases. My perspective acknowledges the inherent tension between supporting the mission of higher education and the fiscal realities of financial solvency.

While the deficit caused by the cost-of-living (COLA) increases is a significant hurdle, the solution should not rest solely on one group. The most equitable path forward requires both the institutions and the student body to share the burden of bridging this gap. Students have already demonstrated their dedication to our institutions' health by overwhelmingly approving fee increases to support COLAs. While a further, reasonable increase in student fees is a necessary component of the solution, it must be met with a reciprocal effort from the institutions. Specifically, I propose that institutions simultaneously reduce expenditures within their operating budgets to cover the remainder of the deficit. By pairing a modest student fee increase with a disciplined reduction in institutional spending, the Board would signal a commitment to fiscal responsibility that respects the financial limitations of the student body. Asking students to bridge this gap alone—especially after they have already stepped up—places the mission of accessible education at risk. Furthermore, I urge the Board to take a more assertive stance against continued state divestment. Since 2006, state funding has dropped from 20% of the general fund budget to below 16%. This trend is the root cause of our current instability. As our primary advocates at the state level, we need the Board to lead a robust legislative strategy to restore public investment in higher education. I urge the Board to

adopt a resolution that requires both student contribution and institutional expenditure reduction, while simultaneously renewing its commitment to state-level advocacy. Thank you!

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

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**Name:** Kim Perkins

**Representing someone other than yourself?:**

**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Agenda Item:** Tuition hikes

**In Favor / Opposed / Other:** In Opposition

#### Comment:

As a UNLV student, I know how expensive tuition already is in Nevada. I make over \$15 an hour at my job, and after doing the math, I've found that I would have to work for 8 months (2 semesters worth of time) without spending a single dime of it just to afford what is being asked of me for this one semester. The proposed tuition hikes would make that another month or two worth of work without spending a single cent. I don't want to have to sell my soul to a loan shark and have to pay that money off until I'm 50. Please, make it easier for students rather than the people who already profit massively from us.

– K.P.

**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 Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Agenda Item:** Agenda Item 5

**In Favor / Opposed / Other:** In Favor

#### Comment:

I'm writing to express my support for agenda item number 5, which is an increase to registration fees. While increasing tuition is always difficult on students, I firmly believe that paying our staff and faculty liveable wages, and offering funding to vital student support programs is a necessary cost of higher education. This is a very important issue, and people's jobs are on the line, so I ask as a student of NSHE that you seriously consider the gravity of this situation. Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to seeing how you vote.

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**Name:** Sovereign Hone

**Representing someone other than yourself?:**

**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Agenda Item:** Agenda Item #5

**In Favor / Opposed / Other:** In Opposition

#### Comment:

My name is Sovereign Hone and I serve as the Student Body President at CSN. I speak in strong opposition to the proposed registration fee increases. As the student body president at CSN, I know firsthand that our students will not transition smoothly if these increases are passed. Our student body is not used to a surplus of fee increases and I strongly believe that moving at the pace of the students is what is needed. These proposed increases carry real consequences. Even small rises in cost can force students to delay their education, reduce their course loads, or drop out entirely. For many CSN students who are working, supporting families, or attending college part-time every added cost compounds an already heavy financial burden. For some, a few extra dollars per credit may sound insignificant, but for our students, those few dollars add up quickly across multiple classes, fees, books, and daily living expenses. Increasing fees year after year also risks widening the gap in access and equity. Students who are already struggling with food insecurity, transportation barriers, and rising housing costs will be pushed even closer to the margins. We will see more students choosing fewer credits, which directly slows graduation rates. There will be students juggling more work hours just to stay enrolled, which undermines their academic success. And some students will drop out completely because the cost is too high. These are trends that colleges across the country have already experienced when fees rise too quickly without considering student capacity. CSN serves as one of the most diverse and financially vulnerable student populations in the state. Rapid increases like these will disproportionately impact our first-generation students, our low-income students, parents,

veterans, and adult learners who are already stretching every dollar. If the goal is student success, then we must ensure affordability remains a cornerstone of that success.

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**Name:** Daniel Richter

**Representing someone other than yourself?:**

**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Agenda Item:** Procedures and Guidelines Manual Revision, Increase in Tuition and Fees, Academic Years 26-27, 27-28, and 28-29

**In Favor / Opposed / Other:** In Opposition

#### Comment:

My name is Daniel Richter. I am submitting opposition to Agenda Item 5, “Increase in Tuition and Fees, Academic Years 26-27, 27-28, and 28-29.” I oppose any tuition or mandatory fee increases for students and families. Nevada students already face significant financial barriers to access and completion. The proposed multi-year increases will exacerbate inequity and increase student debt without corresponding guarantees of improved educational outcomes or cost savings. The supporting materials do not demonstrate that cost controls and operational efficiencies have been exhausted before imposing higher costs on students. I urge the Board of Regents to reject all proposed tuition and fee increases and instead prioritize budget solutions that do not shift costs onto students, such as reallocations within existing budgets, targeted cost reductions, and expanded financial aid. I request that this comment be included in the permanent record.

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

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**Name:** Aliciah Carr

**Representing someone other than yourself?:**

**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Agenda Item:** item 5

**In Favor / Opposed / Other:** In Opposition

**Comment:**

Dear Board of Regents,

My name is Aliciah Carr, and I'm a PhD student and Vice President of the Graduate and Professional Student Association at UNLV.

I urge you to vote NO on this 12% tuition increase.

This proposal asks students to pay for the state's failure to fund higher education. The majority of students who are aware of this increase were only enlightened by CSUN or GPSA not by the NSHE system itself. Students deserve better transparency from the upper administration making these decisions.

For non-residents, such an increase will make UNLV more expensive than the UC system. How does that support recruitment? Additionally, there's no clear plan for how GA tuition waivers will be funded. GAs are state-funded, meaning an increase in tuition would either decrease the overall number of GA lines available to graduate students, or force GAs to cover the additional cost of tuition out of pocket. Most GAs are already struggling to live off of their current stipend and cannot spare extra funds to support any additional cost. While graduate students have been told these tuition increases will not impact GA lines, there is no clear justification for how this could be possible.

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his timeline for this vote seems to deliberately bypass the 2027 legislative session. Instead of fighting for students, NSHE is raising tuition before a new legislature (elected in just months) has an opportunity restore proper state funding. Students should not have to pay for the state's abdication of responsibility. Students deserve more than this rushed process. I urge you to consider other funding routes or wait until the next legislative session before approving such an increase.

Thank you.

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### Public Comment for the Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Email:** moorec53@unlv.nevada.edu

**Name:** Carter Moore

**Representing someone other than yourself?:** Student Occupational Therapy Association (SOTA)

**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Agenda Item:** Agenda Item 5

**In Favor / Opposed / Other:** In Opposition

#### Comment:

Greetings, board of regents. For the record my name is Carter Moore. I am a student in the Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD) program at UNLV. I represent the Student Occupational Therapy Association (SOTA), serving as the organization's treasurer.

I write today to oppose Agenda Item 5 because of its significant impact on accessibility and affordability of quality higher education in the state of Nevada.

Adults age 25 and older already demonstrate low ability and interest in pursuing higher education, as solely a mere 14.4% nationwide obtain graduate degrees according to the Census Bureau.

I anticipate that this percentage will decrease even further with the impending reduction in federal loan distributions by an astounding 50% on July 1, 2026 for those not considered professional.

Professions erroneously labeled “unprofessional”, such as nurses, physician assistants, public health workers, social workers, physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech-language pathologists, and teachers, to name just a few, lay the foundation of society. We, individually and collectively, will suffer tremendously upon a 50% federal loan decrease and 12% state

tuition increase.

I urge the Board to reject Agenda Item 5. I implore the Board to consider alternative long-term financial solutions instead of placing additional short-term financial burdens on marginalized and oppressed students.

Thank you for your time.

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**Name:** TERRY STARKS

**Representing someone other than yourself?:** GENERAL PUBLIC

**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Agenda Item:** PUBLIC COMMENT – TRACEY MIZRACHI

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

#### Comment:

THIS YOUNG LADY (TRACEY MIZRACHI) ASKED FOR A STAY AND TO BE HEARD BY PRESENTATION OF HER WELL ESTABLISHED BUSINESS IDEAS- SHE STATES SHE HAS ANSWERS TO HELP RESOLVE SOME IF NO THE MAJORITY OF THE ISSUES. I KNOW AND HAVE HEARD OF HER BUSINESSES AND FEEL THE BOARD SHOULD TAKE A DISCRETIONARY ACT TO AT LEAST HEAR HER OUT. THANK YOU

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**Email:** chelsterh@cox.net

**Name:** Chelsea Herrington

**Representing someone other than yourself?:**

**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 23, 2026

**Agenda Item:** Items 5 & 6, specifically 15% Access

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

#### Comment:

Student Access, 15%, was discussed during Item 5: registration and tuition increase and looking at the need based financial aid. I ask that idea be brought into the review of Item 6: Differential Fees at this meeting and the Differential Fee LCB report in the March meeting. With several of the degree programs being attractive to people already in the workforce, there can be a considerable number of students that do not qualify for the need based aid. I suggest a future item in which there is discussion on reducing the percentage from 15% to something more reasonable. If it must remain at 15%, I ask those funds be used in other ways, possibly the graduate funds to the undergraduate students of the same department, college, or school.

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