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Agenda Item: General Public Comment

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

Comment:

Members of the Board of Regents,

My name is Vivian Rumar, and I am a graduating student at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas in the Lee Business School.

I am submitting this comment regarding the clarity and accuracy of how academic distinction criteria are communicated to students across NSHE institutions.

For the past two years, I relied on the official published language stating that students whose GPAs fall on or above the set ranking will receive the higher academic designation. Based on the published GPA thresholds for my college, I reasonably understood that my GPA of 3.896 would qualify me for Magna Cum Laude distinction. This understanding shaped my academic goals and expectations throughout my time at the university.

However, after seeking clarification through university administration, I was informed that this language is considered misleading and that, despite exceeding the Cum Laude threshold, I would instead receive Cum Laude honors. I was also told that this issue is known internally but has not yet been corrected in official materials.

My concern is not only personal, but about transparency and consistency in academic policy.

Students rely on published criteria when making long-term academic decisions. When that language is later acknowledged as misleading without timely correction, it creates confusion and undermines trust in the system.

I respectfully ask the Board to consider ensuring that all NSHE institutions clearly and accurately communicate how academic distinctions are determined, and that any misleading language currently published be corrected promptly.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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

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