



**NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE PASSAGE OF THE PREDICTABLE PRICING
PROGRAM, "OPTION B" OF THE TUITION GUARANTEE PROPOSALS BEING
CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS**

WHEREAS, the Nevada Student Alliance represents all 105,000+ students in the Nevada System of Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada Student Alliance is comprised of elected representatives from all NSHE institutions whose numerous responsibilities include voicing and lobbying student concerns to their elected officials in local, state, and federal levels; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada Student Alliance has actively engaged in discussions with the Board of Regents and NSHE Staff regarding the implementation of revised tuition/registration fees policy since June of 2018; and

WHEREAS, Dr. David A. Longanecker, President of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) delivered expert testimony on the subject of tuition/registration fees; and

WHEREAS, Dr. David A Longanecker stated that a method for making NSHE a less inclusive and financially unforgiving system would reside in the adoption of "Option A" tuition/registration fee proposal; and

WHEREAS, multiple NSHE Student Government Associations have passed resolutions supporting "Option B" while simultaneously voicing concerns on the negative impact "Option A" would have on working, non-traditional, and historically underserved student populations ; and

WHEREAS, predictability of tuition/registration fees has been cited as an improvement of transparency by Student Government Leadership and poses an improvement to the wellbeing of students in NSHE; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada Student Alliance passed a resolution, in accordance with universal beliefs on shared governance, supporting the investigation and presentation of alterations to current Board of Regents policies regarding tuition and registration fees in July of 2018; and

WHEREAS, a strategic goal of “improving access to higher education” was agreed upon by the Board of Regents and the Nevada System of Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, graduate programs and professional degree programs would be excluded from “Option A” and would result in a disconnect between financial policies between matriculated groups of students; and

WHEREAS, Crystal Abba, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, provided extensive information and unbiased testimony to the Nevada Student Alliance regarding the two tuition/registration fee policy proposals beginning in late 2018; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nevada Student Alliance, on behalf of the 105,000+ students of NSHE:

- Supports the adoption of the “Option B” registration/tuition fees policy for the purpose of improving financial predictability of registration/tuition fees.
- Urges the Board of Regents to adopt the “Option B” model of predictable tuition/registration fees at the February 28, 2019 Board of Regents meeting.
- Expresses appreciation for the amount of time, work, and effort donated by NSHE Staff, the Board of Regents, and Chancellor Thom Reilly to design sensible public policy in response to the student voice.

ADOPTED by the Nevada Student Alliance on this 28th day of February 2019.

Attest:





Christopher Roys, NSA Chair



Andrew Sierra, NSA Vice-Chair