



NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROVIDING FUNDS FROM THE AMERICAN
RECOVERY PLAN TO INDIVIDUAL NSHE INSTITUTIONS FOR AFFORDABLE
STUDENT HOUSING

WHEREAS, the Nevada Student Alliance represents all 110,000+ 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 representatives assert that housing costs for students attending a Nevada System of Higher Education institution should not be a “barrier to entry” for students who desire to attain a higher degree within the Nevada System of Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, since 2015, the average rent in the Reno-Sparks area has gone up in 23 of the last 27 quarters and is associated with the top cities nationwide in terms of average rent increase (Reno Gazette Journal). With the average asking rent of a one-bedroom apartment in Reno-Sparks at the end of 2020 was slightly over \$1400/month and the current (2021) asking rent for a one-bedroom apartment in the Reno-Sparks area ranges from \$1499 (MyNews4 & NSAA - 2021); and

WHEREAS, the stipend provided by state-funded assistantships at the University of Nevada, Reno provides Masters students with a \$19,200 (\$1,600/month) stipend and for Ph.D. students in STEM is a \$22,800 (\$1,900/month) stipend over 10 months; and

WHEREAS, the asking rent of a one-bedroom apartment in the greater Las Vegas area at the end of 2016 was \$909, which was 10.2% higher than the peak asking rent of 2008 (\$878) (Lied Institution of Real Estate Studies, 2017). The current (2021) asking rent of a one-bedroom apartment in the greater Las Vegas areas ranges from \$850 to \$1400 (Lied Institution of Real Estate Studies, 2021); and

WHEREAS, without outside funding the maximum stipend funding at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas provides Masters students with a \$11,250 (\$1,250/month) stipend for a 9 month contract and the highest stipend for Ph.D. students is a \$20,250 (\$2,250/month) stipend for a 9 month contract; and

WHEREAS, the state of Nevada has an average rent which that is 10.9% higher than the national average across the country (World Population Review); and

WHEREAS, domestic and international students who are dependent on University and State funded graduate assistant stipends are extremely susceptible to these high costs of living, thereby decreasing the affordability of higher education and limiting social mobility in the State of Nevada; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nevada Student Alliance, on behalf of the 110,000+ students of NSHE:

- Supports the initiative of system-wide funding from the American Recovery Plan (ARP - H.R.1319 — 117TH CONGRESS (2021-2022)) to the Institutions within the Nevada System of Higher Education to address the following:
 - o Provide safe and equitable student housing for all students; AND
 - o To consistently provide affordable student housing that establishes a community surrounding the institutions within Nevada System of Higher Education; AND
- Urges elected student representatives of the Nevada System of Higher Education to actively pursue resolutions from their institutions regarding affordable student housing; AND
- Urges leadership of the Nevada System of Higher Education to work to find creative solutions and partnerships to address affordable housing on and off campus for students; AND
- Urges Local & City Leadership to prioritize that student housing within the Nevada System of Higher Education and new/existing housing developments, which provide housing to students who participate within the Nevada System of Higher Education, are held to a higher standard of safety, dependability, affordability, and equity; AND
- Urges State Leadership to provide funds to the individual institutions within Nevada System of Higher Education who have applied for American Recovery Plan (ARP - H.R.1319 — 117TH CONGRESS (2021-2022)) funds within the Nevada Recovers Program that support affordable housing for students; AND

- Urges Federal Leadership to provide more programs that help create more affordable housing for students within higher education systems; AND
- Urges the Board of Regents and Chancellor's Office of the Nevada System of Higher Education to establish an inquiry and development plan which addresses the feasibility of affordable student housing if the American Recovery Plan (ARP - H.R.1319 — 117TH CONGRESS (2021-2022)) funds are unable to be allocated toward individual institutional plans for affordable student housing.

ADOPTED by the Nevada Student Alliance on 2 day of December 2021.

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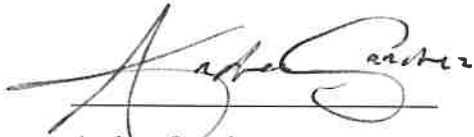
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