



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

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CURRENT BOARD OF REGENTS POLICY ON
STUDENT ACCESS FUNDS**

September 3, 2026

WHEREAS, the Nevada Student Alliance (NSA) represents over 110,000 students attending colleges and universities within the Nevada System of Higher Education; **AND**

WHEREAS, the NSA is comprised of elected representatives from all NSHE institutions, who under the authority of NSA Constitution section 110.1 and section 110.2, are empowered to “promote, foster, advance, represent, and protect the interests and welfare of the students of the Nevada System of Higher Education” and “give the students of the Nevada System of Higher Education a unified voice before all systems and legislative bodies”; **AND**

WHEREAS, NSHE Institutions are committed to creating community for all students and ensuring that each student has access to higher education; **AND**

WHEREAS, The Regents’ Higher Education Opportunity Award (RHEOA), partially funded through Student Access Funds, is granted to students through financial aid; **AND**

WHEREAS, NSHE Institutions use Student Access Funds to recruit, retain, and graduate students across the system, disbursing \$74.9 million in RHEOA to 35,507 students systemwide in 2024-2025 alone; **AND**

WHEREAS, 86% of Student Access Funds continue to come directly from student registration fees, demonstrating that students themselves are among the primary funders of this aid, and that this shared-investment model directly benefits the student body that contributes to it; **AND**

WHEREAS, Board of Regents policy requires that at least 80 percent of undergraduate and 50 percent of graduate Student Access Funds go to need-based programs, and NSHE publicly reports these disbursements annually by institution, making RHEOA a transparent and accountable fee-funded expenditure in the entire system; **AND**

WHEREAS, many of NSHE’s student population has federally determined need, with 36,733 NSHE students receiving a federal Pell Grant in 2024-25, showing the need for the continuation of the RHEOA; **AND**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE ON BEHALF OF MORE THAN 110,000 STUDENTS OF NSHE, that the NSA affirms its strong support for the continuation of Student Access Funds at their current levels, recognizing them as a vital, transparent, and accountable student-funded investment in access, retention, and graduation across the NSHE system; **AND**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NSA calls upon the NSHE Board of Regents and institutional administrations to preserve Student Access Fund revenue for its intended purpose of direct, need-based student financial aid, and to oppose any effort to remove, reduce, redirect, or diminish this funding stream; **AND**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, any equitable review of NSHE fee-funded expenditures should apply consistent standards of scrutiny, transparency, and accountability across all categories of institutional spending, rather than disproportionately targeting the funding stream that most directly and transparently benefits students with demonstrated financial need; **AND**

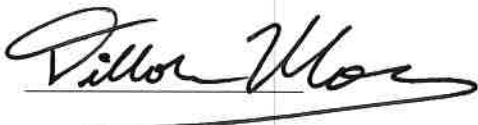
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NSA urges NSHE to continue its annual public reporting of RHEOA allocations and disbursements at each institution, consistent with existing NSHE Financial Aid Report methodology; **AND**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the NSHE Board of Regents, the Chancellor of NSHE, and the presidents of each NSHE institution for their consideration and commitment to retaining the current Board mandated Student Access Funds.

ATTEST:



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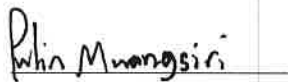
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