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Meeting: Board of Regents Meeting
Meeting Date: November 30, 2022 – December 2, 2022
Agenda Item: Football
In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition
Comment:

My first year at UNLV was 73 when Ron Meyer was hired to be followed by Tony Knapp I have always supported the Rebels but enough is enough. This coach deserves at least one more year probably two. The first year doesn't count the whole town was a mess due to covid. This team improved greatly from last year. Maybe the AD needs to go. I implore the Regents to look into this as football is the biggest expenditure in the athletic department and has the possibility of being the biggest money maker with the new stadium.

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

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Meeting: Board of Regents Meeting
Meeting Date: November 30, 2022 – December 2, 2022
Agenda Item: Agenda items 5 & 6
In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor
Comment:

The state board of the Nevada Faculty Alliance strongly urges the Board of Regents to ratify the collective bargaining agreements between NSHE and the faculty bargaining units at the College of Southern Nevada and Truckee Meadows Community College. These agreements were negotiated in good faith between the college administrations and the NFA chapters, and have been ratified by NFA members of the bargaining units. They provide for improved working conditions and very modest compensation adjustments. Faculty working conditions are student learning conditions. Thank you for your support.

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Agenda Item: Agenda Item 2h, Periodic Evaluation of Presidents

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

Comment:

The evaluation of the performance of institutional presidents is one of the most important tasks of the Board of Regents. It is essential the Regents receive independent feedback from various stakeholders that has not been filtered or influenced by the Presidents being evaluated or by the System Office. For this reason, the Nevada Faculty Alliance supports Option 1, which designates that the survey of faculty on the effectiveness of the president be conducted by an outside consultant, rather than Option 2, which forces some of the stakeholder comments to come at public meetings where people may feel too intimidated to express criticism and the survey results can be summarized internally. The survey consultant should report directly to the Board. Neither option should preclude Faculty Senates from making public resolutions regarding their President’s performance.

In addition, the Periodic Evaluations should proceed on schedule regardless of the mere “intent” of a president to retire in the future retirement, unless the president has actually resigned from their position. Transparency and accountability require that the evaluations be done, which can inform the selection of a new president.

Thank you.
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Agenda Item: Agenda Item 20b, Board Self-Evaluation Report

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

Comment:

In its Self-Evaluation, agenda item 20b, the Board has identified training and orientation for Regents as very high priorities, and it has assigned the task to the former Special Counsel. At this juncture, especially with five new Regents coming on board a majority of whom have little experience in higher education beyond being a student, the Board needs to use agenda item 20b in the consent agenda to reassign this task and discuss how it will be carried out with reduced board staff.

The self-evaluation report lists a number of items needed in Board training. We agree with those, but would include and emphasize training sessions on the following topics:
1) Academic freedom and shared governance in institutions of higher education;
2) Best practices for boards of trustees in higher education, including executive searches, compensation, and evaluation.
3) Structures of labor for faculty and staff in institutions of higher education, for an understanding of the status of tenure-track and non-tenure-track faculty, clinical faculty, temporary instructors, postdocs and residents, graduate assistants, and professional and classified staff;
4) Institutional designations by federal and other agencies, including Hispanic Serving
Institutions, Minority Serving Institutions, AAANPI-Serving Institutions, and Carnegie research university status; Experts to provide presentations in these areas can be found internally or externally. Improving the training and orientation for Regents is essential for raising the stature of the Board of Regents in the eyes of the public, which also reflects on the ability of faculty and NSHE to achieve better outcomes at the legislature. Please pull item 20b from the consent agenda to address how the training issues will be handled.
Thank you.

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Meeting: Board of Regents Meeting

Meeting Date: November 30, 2022 – December 2, 2022

Agenda Item: General Public Comment

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

Comment:

My name is Madeline Derivet, and I am the Arts & Entertainment Editor for UNLV’s student-run newspaper, the Scarlet & Gray Free Press. Since becoming a section editor, I’ve had many opportunities to expand my skills as a writer. I’ve also been granted the freedom to put a spotlight on things happening all around Las Vegas. But this is just my section. There are so many other talented writers and leaders who make the newspaper possible. It truly takes a village, and we all have the same goal in mind: providing our readers with the most accurate news about our university, student life, and events happening outside of school. As a publication that has existed since 1955, we have a vital role to maintain our status, and this will not be possible unless a student fee is implemented. We are currently in jeopardy of ceasing our printing with the Las Vegas Review Journal, something that would negatively impact our readership. Simply put, it should not have to come to this. A student fee would not only prevent this ultimatum, but would also allow us to invest the funds elsewhere in the paper. We, as a team, urge the NSHE Board of Regents to pass this agenda item in order to sustain the life of the Scarlet & Gray Free Press.

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes
Hello,
I am Mark Credico, the current copy chief for UNLV's newspaper, the Scarlet & Gray Free Press. I would've been there for the meeting to tell you this in person, however I will be working at my internship for the Las Vegas Review-Journal at the time.
I am not the only one either. Three members of our current editorial staff had internships at the Review-Journal this semester.
This has been the case throughout the Scarlet & Gray's history. Charles Zobell, a lecturer at UNLV's Greenspun School of Journalism and Media Studies, member of the Scarlet & Gray advisory board and former editor at the Review-Journal, said that's he's seen many former members of our school paper’s staff work for the Review-Journal after graduation, some even becoming editors themselves.
The Scarlet & Gray offers more than just the tangible benefit of helping young, up-and-coming journalists jumpstart their careers in the community that UNLV calls home. It also helps make them better journalists.
I learned about media ethics, how to find and interview sources and write stories in my journalism classes. However, I didn’t have to abide by those ethics consistently, chase down
and talk to sources regularly and write stories in a short-form news format under deadline until I started working at the Scarlet & Gray. The practice that I received through my work at the Scarlet & Gray made me a better journalist.
Now, the newspaper is under threat. Its funding sources are dwindling and the resources that it offers to these young journalists are in danger of being significantly reduced, or even possibly lost altogether. The proposed student fee is the best solution to protecting the paper from that threat.
The Scarlet & Gray Free Press has proven to be a breeding ground for quality journalists in Southern Nevada that directly translates to those journalists finding jobs in the profession. Voting against is voting against those journalists.
Thank you very much,
Mark Credico

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

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This e-mail was sent from a contact form on Nevada System of Higher Education (https://nshe.nevada.edu)
Hello, my name is Marcos Villanueva and I am a rising junior at UNLV who is a computer science major. I am writing to urge the Board of Regents to support the UNLV student newspaper fee. As a student at UNLV, I find the student newspaper to be incredibly vital to my experience as a undergraduate student. Every week I read the student newspaper and I find that a campus is only as informed and strong as its student newsrooms are. I have also seen numerous other students like me who are concerned for the future of the newspaper with regards to funding and I urge this board to truly consider the needs of students. Student newspapers are vital to a thriving college campus and experience. While I know that tuition is increasing everyday, I understand that $3.00 is a small price to pay for something so important and vital. Please vote yes on this agenda item.

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Meeting: Board of Regents Meeting

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Agenda Item: Item 26: Student Fee

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

I hope that the fee passes because I personally enjoy reading the newspaper and knowing what is going on in my school. The Scarlet and Grey staff do an excellent job in making sure that the true story is told. They keep all their readers informed as well and I believe that the fee should pass to fund the Scarlet and Grey.

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Meeting: Board of Regents Meeting
Meeting Date: November 30, 2022 – December 2, 2022
Agenda Item: 26
In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor
Comment:

I am a student at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and I am writing in support of the student newspaper fee. The Scarlet and Gray is an important part of the UNLV student experience, and it deserves adequate funding. This fee would provide that, therefore, I urge you all to support this agenda item.

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Agenda Item: 26 student fees
In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor
Comment:
Please support the scarlet and gray Free press
and support the 20 cent per credit hour per student for funding to his vital program of our University. they provide great learning opportunity for future journalists and providing real world experience in writing the paper for our school. Do not take this away from journalism students and silence their voices as you are only harming the workforce.
Keep the paper alive

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