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Public Comment for Board of Regents Special Meeting, January 12, 2023 – January 13, 2023

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Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Special Meeting

Meeting Date: January 12, 2023 – January 13, 2023

Agenda Item: Agenda Item 3

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

Comment:

I would like to congratulate and give a warm welcome to the 5 newly elected Regents.

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

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Representing someone other than yourself?: n.a.

Meeting: Board of Regents Special Meeting (January 12-13)

Meeting Date: January 12, 2023 – January 13, 2023

Agenda Item: general

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

Comment:

I'm a graduate of UNLV. As I did 2 years ago, when newly elected regents were sworn into office, I again call on this board to change the nickname/mascot of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. My suggestion is Soaring Eagles to replace Runnin' Rebels. The word "eagle" almost sounds the same as "rebel," but it would make a huge difference. Eagle is patriotic and positive, while rebel is divisive and hurtful. Yes, I know the official excuse – rebel means rebellious, just like Las Vegas. So when someone hears the rebel nickname, don't think of confederate plantation owners, think of Elvis impersonators or topless dancers? UNLV can do better. UNLV must do better. Also, I wrote a letter to the editor of the Las Vegas Sun regarding this topic. It was published a year ago. Here's a link:
<https://lasvegassun.com/news/2021/dec/26/new-name-is-long-overdue/>

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

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Representing someone other than yourself?: Nevada Faculty Alliance

Meeting: Board of Regents Special Meeting (January 12-13)

Meeting Date: January 12, 2023 – January 13, 2023

Agenda Item: public comment

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

Comment:

In the spirit of today's orientation session, the Nevada Faculty Alliance would like to give a brief explanation of academic freedom and shared governance.

- Academic freedom is the freedom to teach.
- Academic freedom is the freedom to determine curriculum and academic standards.
- Academic freedom is the freedom to explore all avenues of scholarship, research, and creative expression and to disseminate the results.
- Academic freedom is the freedom to speak or write on matters of public concern and on any matter related to professional duties and the functioning of governance of the academic institution.

Instructors are entitled to freedom in the classroom. Although academic freedom does not mean free rein to persistently discuss material with no relation to the subject, teachers must be free to discuss controversial material in their subject area without fear of retribution or censorship. Controversy is at the heart of free academic inquiry.

College and university teachers are citizens, members of a learned profession, and officers of an educational institution. When they speak or write as citizens on matters of public concern, they should be free from institutional censorship or discipline.

Shared governance is part of the academic freedom for faculty collectively to determine curriculum and academic standards. The role of the faculty is to have primary responsibility for such fundamental areas as curriculum, subject matter and methods of instruction, research, faculty status, and those aspects of student life which relate to the educational process. The responsibility for faculty status includes appointments, reappointments, decisions not to reappoint, promotions, the granting of tenure, and dismissal.

Thank you.

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

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NOTICE is hereby provided to the Nevada System of Higher Education that the entirety of the below public comment has been timed, and can be read into the record in under two minutes time. As such, the Nevada System of Higher Education is hereby notified that failure by the System to print the below public comment in its entirety in the approved minutes of this meeting will be immediately referred to the Office of the Nevada Attorney General for willful violation of Nevada's Open Meetings Law.

Lists of concerned parties requiring immediate contract termination for their participation in the cover-up of confirmed crimes of violence against NSHE students has been provided to each NSHE Regent. This matter is time-sensitive and requires the immediate, personal attention of each member of NSHE's Board of Regents.

Request is hereby provided the recipients of this email that a printed copy of this email is provided to each elected Regent at the beginning of today's public meeting.

Thank you.

January 12, 2023

Board of Regents
Nevada System of Higher Education
Special Meeting

Re: Public comment

I provide this public comment today as a confirmed member of the State of Nevada's Victims of Crime Program. I was approved specifically on the validity of LVMPD Police Reports detailing violent crimes which occurred at UNLV-affiliated "*student housing*". The resolution of these matters is the direct legal responsibility of this Board, as this Board holds the ultimate responsibility for the governance of the entire NSHE system. Several current and former Regents have failed to resolve this matter equitably, and have assisted since-terminated university police and both university and system attorneys in engaging in cover-up of these violent crimes.

The NSHE Board of Regents is hereby provided notice that multiple NSHE institutions, specifically UNLV and CSN, are actively engaged in violations of NPRA, in furtherance of cover-up of these violent campus crimes.


In the past several years, UNLV and NSHE have seen a revolving-door and firings of numerous system Chancellors, university Presidents, as well as system and university attorneys and police. An active Regent has attempted to shirk responsibility in this matter, and has attempted to claim it is solely a policing matter. This Board, it's attorneys and University Police Services are engaging in an "*illegal circular reporting system*" in this matter, as directly confirmed by senior federal investigators. This is a matter of institutional failures at the highest levels, dating back years. These failures can only be resolved by this Board, as this Board and this Board alone holds the ultimate responsibility for the governance of the entire NSHE system.

Chair Byron Brooks is called upon to immediately publicly release all NSHE documents pertaining to his obtaining of an on-campus firearm carry permit, as this request is tied to the crimes of violence at issue in this public comment. Regent Brooks has previously publicly stated he would publicly release all of these documents; NSHE has subsequently refused NPRA requests from the Las Vegas Latin Chamber of Commerce. As Chair, there is nothing stop Regent Brooks from releasing these records today.

Please vote today in favor of convening a special meeting tomorrow, Friday, January 13, 2022, for the purpose of immediately terminating the employment contracts of all NSHE-system employees who continue to accrue civil and criminal liability for the entire NSHE system through their aiding and abetting of crimes of violence.

Thank you.

Regards,



Coach Neal O'Flaherty

Certified Interscholastic Coach, NFHS

Confirmed first-degree kidnapping survivor (May 25, 2019; UNLV-affiliated “*student housing*”)

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