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Name: Martha Johnson-Olin

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board Workshop

Meeting Date: October 20, 2023

Agenda Item: The Principles and Best Practices of Highly Effective Governing Boards

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

Why is NSHE associating with right-wing groups who seek to undermine the principles of higher education? One look at the website for The James G. Martin Center for Academic Renewal shows that this group is against Academic Freedom. In providing Jennifer A. Robinson a platform, NSHE sends a disturbing message to all faculty in the state and may drive qualified applicants away from Nevada. NSHE needs to cancel this workshop and reaffirm its principles immediately.

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

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Meeting: Board Workshop

Meeting Date: October 20, 2023

Agenda Item: 2. PRINCIPLES AND BEST PRACTICES OF INFORMATION ONLY
HIGHLY EFFECTIVE GOVERNING BOARDS

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

I object to the hosting of the James G. Martin center for Academic Renewal. This organization has a track record of eroding faculty rights and fighting against important diversity efforts. Florida has become a national embarrassment, and it is largely due to policies and ideas put forth by the organization in this workshop.

The "brain drain" in Florida is real, and it can happen here if we allow organizations like these to inject their ideologies into our policies. Faculty members are fleeing Florida, and colleges cannot attract new faculty. In addition, many students will not even consider attending a Florida college in the current environment.

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2023/jul/30/florida-universities-colleges-faculty-leaving-desantis>

One needs to spend only a few minutes on this organization's website to see that it stands against many of the NSHE's objectives.

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Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Special Meeting

Meeting Date: October 20, 2023

Agenda Item: Agenda Item 2. PRINCIPLES AND BEST PRACTICES OF INFORMATION ONLY HIGHLY EFFECTIVE GOVERNING BOARDS

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

Greetings,

My name is Bradley S-U-M-M-E-R-H-I-L-L. I am a tenured professor of English at TMCC. Today I am chairing a meeting and cannot attend in person.

I have visited the web site and looked at articles posted by the James G. Martin Center, which is an organization whose primary mission is to "to improve colleges and universities, especially in North Carolina." Based on their own postings, they seem to be primarily interested in destructive, divisive, and harmful "culture war" issues involving higher education. What could such a group possibly bring to the Silver State that would have any positive value? What is the purpose of this 90 minute agenda item?

Dr. Jenna A. Robinson, President, James G. Martin Center, has impressive academic credentials and experience in the field of political science. Is higher education nothing but political science in action? We need to move above and beyond culture war pettiness in this state and in this country. The college students I have taught in Nevada for more than 20 years have little to no interest in fabricated culture war issues.

Nevada is known for its hospitality, so I am sorry to say: She does not belong here. You have

made an error putting her on the agenda.

These sorts of discussions and actions are exactly what is going to get the Board of Regents voted out of the state constitution. I wonder if the Regents understand that voters are watching?

Sincerely,
Bradley Summerhill
TMCC

The easy answer here is, "Well, we're just talking." Why are you talking? To what end? What motive does this group bring to the table? What is the point of

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Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Special Meeting

Meeting Date: October 20, 2023

Agenda Item: Item 2, Martin Center Presentation

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

The Martin Center for Academic "Renewal" should not be taken seriously by this Board. Not only have they shown a clear disdain for diversity in higher education, but they have a terrible track record through their work in North Carolina. The Board of Regents should be listening to the needs of their faculty, students, and all other constituents in Nevada, not engaging with a conservative think tank that seeks to erode the efficiency of public higher education. I am frankly disheartened by the decision to invite the Martin Center into the Board of Regents. Building trust with faculty and students across the state should be high on the Board's priority list, and this is undoubtedly a step in the wrong direction.

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Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board Workshop

Meeting Date: October 20, 2023

Agenda Item: 2. PRINCIPLES AND BEST PRACTICES OF INFORMATION ONLY
HIGHLY EFFECTIVE GOVERNING BOARDS

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

I'm a faculty at TMCC and I'm highly-opposed to giving this organization a platform in Nevada. Our state prides itself on its commitment to free expression. The reforms enacted under the advisement of the James G. Martin Center for Academic Renewal in Florida and at UNC-Chapel Hill (my alma mater) have stifled academic freedom and driven away professors and researches. While they do deserve to be heard, the policies they will suggest must be loudly rejected.

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Email: leah.mell@unlv.edu

Name: Leah Mell-Carrington

Representing someone other than yourself?: Myself

Meeting: Board Workshop

Meeting Date: October 20, 2023

Agenda Item: Agenda Item #2 on Friday, October 20th, Workshop with “James G Martin Center for Academic Renewal”

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

I strongly encourage the Board to reconsider having a workshop with the group “James G Martin Center for Academic Renewal” on October 20th. This group wishes to undermine the value of student and faculty labor and thought, and this workshop will not only be wholly unhelpful, but will be actively harmful to higher education here in Nevada. I urge you as a full-time graduate student and instructor of a required core course at UNLV to remove this workshop from your agenda and to not engage with organizations that wish to undermine your students, faculty, and staff in the future. Thank you for your time.

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Name: Carlos Tkacz

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board Workshop

Meeting Date: October 20, 2023

Agenda Item: Principles and Practices of Highly Effective Governing Boards

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

I would like to express my opposition to the workshop being run the James G. Martin Center for Academic Renewal. This group is a right-wing think-tank dedicated to preserving "traditional values and beliefs of American society" from "the priests of wokeness." They perceive university campuses as where the "institutional Left... continue[s] its attacks on history, tradition, and national identity." As we have learned in the years since 2020, all this language (taken from the following page on their website: <https://www.jamesgmartin.center/2023/10/from-inclusion-to-belonging/>. You can find still more all over their site), this is all dangerous language that enables the gatekeeping of certain groups of people, usually minorities, from access to the resources of the state, in this case higher education. This is the same kind of rhetoric as the now very famous slogan, "Make America Great Again" (indeed, they make direct reference to this slogan on their website: "We must have historians who know the greatness of America's past if we would have America be great again"). It is important that we ask: whose "traditions," whose "national identity," whose "values and beliefs?" In a country with so difficult a past as ours, the history of slavery being the prime example, it is important that we stand against oversimplifications of complex issues that have material affects in people's lives. I am currently doing my PhD here at UNLV; before that I taught at a community college in a rural area for five years. As such, I speak from experience when I say that their proposals (again, these are taken from their website) to "CUT SOCIAL JUSTICE FROM THE CURRICULUM" and "STOP "FORGIVING" STUDENT DEBT" (caps in original), just to name a couple, are antithetical to the project of higher

education and to the education of students.

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Name: Darrell Carter

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board Workshop

Meeting Date: October 20, 2023

Agenda Item: Agenda Item 2 – Presentation by Dr. Robinson of the Martin Center.

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

The Martin Center is not representative of a conservative voice or alternative perspective on how to approach higher education. They represent more extreme positions that dismiss the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion in higher education. This is fundamentally incompatible with UNLV's Mission statement, especially " We create value for the individuals and communities we serve by fostering a climate of innovation, stimulating economic diversification and workforce development, promoting social justice and inclusion of all voices, and enriching cultural vitality." As one of the primary institutions in NSHE and a Minority Serving Institution this is concerning.

Inviting a presentation from a group like this not only fails to give conservative viewpoints a voice in Nevada Higher Education, but also undermines NSHE serving the people of Nevada which includes our diverse communities.

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Name: Corey Fernandez

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board Workshop

Meeting Date: October 20, 2023

Agenda Item: Agenda Item 2

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

Dear Regents,

I am writing regarding agenda item #2 at the upcoming Board of Regents Workshop meeting this Friday, October 20th (“Principles and Best Practices of Highly Effective Governing Boards”). I am writing to request that this item be removed from the workshop agenda, as it is being led by the James G. Martin Center for Academic Renewal, a documented partisan organization that has been flagged by the AAUP for its role in the erosion of governance in the UNC system.

I am a new Assistant Professor at Nevada State University. I came to this institution from Stanford University because I believe in the mission at Nevada State and know that I can do highly impactful work in the Nevada State Higher Education system. Learning about this workshop was deeply disappointing to me, as the Martin Center stands in opposition to the values of the dedicated and hardworking faculty, administrators, and staff of your institutions.

The Martin Center is an organization that jeopardizes the future of higher education in Nevada. Their website contains dozens of publications and posts containing disinformation about higher education, promoting discriminatory practices, and discounting the role of faculty

and students as engaged and trusted participants in shared governance. The Center wants to dictate what can and cannot be taught in the classroom, limiting the freedom of students to learn, teach, and conduct research. This organization promotes a culture of division and distrust between institutions and their governing boards.

There are many non-partisan alternative organizations capable of hosting this workshop. In fact, there are experts working within NSHE who you might consider (not me though- I'm a neuroscientist!). Your actions here will send a message to NSHE faculty, administrators, and staff about the type of relationship you want to build for the future.

Thank you for your time,

Corey Fernandez, PhD
Assistant Professor of Psychology, NSU

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Name: Merci Silva-Acosta

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board Workshop

Meeting Date: October 20, 2023

Agenda Item: Agenda Item 2

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

As an immigrant and first-generation graduate student at UNLV, I was concerned to read about the work and policies implemented by the James G Martin Center for Academic Renewal at UNC. UNLV opened its doors to me and allowed me to express myself fully and uniquely and seeing that this could be taunted by their “prohibition on compelled speech.” Although on paper it has been described very subtly, it took away from the free speech at UNC; it completely changed the dynamic and discouraged professors and students alike. We minorities and underrepresented groups already live excluded from speech and decisions in political governance, so the model this organization presents feels like a threat to the already diverse community at UNLV. James G Martin fails to appropriate who will define “contemporary political debate,” and how the term will be defined. It is a vague and dangerous proposition that does not align with UNLV. I am proud that my Alma Mater is a Hispanic Serving Institution and provides several opportunities for free speech of all types on campus. We are Rebels and my suggestion as an Alumni and current graduate student is that UNLV seeks for another option besides this organization that represents UNLV better.

Thank you for your time,

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Name: Lars Jensen

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board Workshop

Meeting Date: October 20, 2023

Agenda Item: On Ms Robinson and the James Martin Center

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

The conservative Martin Center, grew from the conservative John Locke Foundation. Ms Robinson joined the Martin Center from the John Locke Foundation. She has ties to the Koch Foundation, which is a donor. Instead of leaving education to the experts, these organizations want to impose their conservative ideology on what is taught and how..

Please allow me to give you a few examples of the conservative position taken by the Martin Center and Ms Robinson. Here come three statements copied from the Center's website with my comments after each.

1) "Faculty are allowed excessive latitude in what they teach and often get away with little teaching at all, because research is emphasized. Taxpayers as well as students and their families pay hefty prices to support a system that often appears to provide little educational value."

This is an insult, If there are issues with the quality of teaching in places, they are far more likely to be related to the low pay that teachers are afforded, and compromises made because of that.

2) "Florida's reforms are reasonable and moderate."

Where is the reason for relegating the study of the experiences of Black people to a prohibited category? Or where is the reason for cancelling students' access to accurate, truthful education about the history of their country? One can only assume that the Martin Center wants Florida conditions to come to Nevada. I don't.

3) (by Ms Robinson, 2007) "Despite the assertion that there is scientific consensus on the need for drastic and immediate action, the truth is that there is no such consensus."

This is simply false. Consensus has existed for many years among scientists. Ms Robinson's statement makes her look like a climate change denier.

Members of the Board, please take Ms Robinson's words with a grain of salt.

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Name: Alexa Wong

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Special Meeting

Meeting Date: October 20, 2023

Agenda Item: Special meeting and workshop with Dr. Jenna A. Robinson

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

The proposed curriculum would have a highly negative impact on the NSHE system. I do not want to be in a school who plans to adopt the same curriculum standards as Florida. As a political science major I follow this issue very closely and it is extremely concerning and important to recognize where these ideals are wrong and detrimental for students.

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Email: carli.barnum@unlv.edu

Name: Carli Barnum

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Special Meeting

Meeting Date: October 20, 2023

Agenda Item: Principles and Best Practices of Highly Effective Governing Boards

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

UNLV administration is quick to boast and brag about being the most diverse campus in the nation. How does it make sense to pull inspiration from a group that has, according to the American Association of University Professors

“interacted with long-standing patterns of institutional racism to make the UNC system a particularly hostile environment for faculty, staff, and students of color.”

I think it's important to keep in mind our values as a community and what sets our university apart. We have the opportunity do to things right instead of perpetuating the same systems of oppression that rage all around us. Be conscientious of how your decisions as our board could put the diversity of our university in jeopardy. May the promises to put students, staff and faculty first not be empty platitudes.

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Email: roberta.sabbath@unlv.edu

Name: ROBERTA Sabbath

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Special Meeting

Meeting Date: October 20, 2023

Agenda Item: The James G. Martin Center for Academic Renew

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

Comment:

I am faculty at UNLV. Students in my Freshman Composition class, I am proud to say, are serious, diverse, and thoughtful. They are our future leaders. Their composition topics include water and environmental sustainability, challenges and opportunities to the medical field with AI, telehealth, and robotics, indigenous rights, fast fashion, chronic health issues our population, and veterans medical and emotional needs. Our students at UNLV benefit from programming that empowers these youthful, hopeful, and diverse voices. We pride ourselves in helping our future leaders acquire the tools of compassion, competence, and collegiality. Thank you.

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Name: Kent Ervin

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board Workshop

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Agenda Item: Governance Presentation

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

Comment:

Today's presentation on governance is totally lacking in the role of faculty. Therefore I would like to give an explanation of academic freedom and shared governance. That could take hours, but I have two minutes.

Academic freedom is:

- freedom to teach;
- freedom to determine curriculum and academic standards;
- freedom to explore all avenues of scholarship, research, and creative expression and to disseminate the results; and
- 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 academic freedom in the classroom. That does not mean totally free rein to discuss material with no relation to the subject, but teachers must be free to discuss controversial material without fear of retribution or censorship. Controversy is at the heart of free academic inquiry.

College and university faculty 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 must be free from institutional censorship or discipline.

Shared governance is part of academic freedom for faculty collectively. Faculty have primary

responsibility for curriculum, subject matter and methods of instruction, research, faculty status, and aspects of student life related to the educational process. The responsibility for faculty status includes appointments, promotions, the granting of tenure, and dismissal. Due process including the input of faculty review committees is essential in all of these areas. The Board of Regents needs to incorporate the principles of shared governance into its own rules of governance and in holding presidents accountable for their campus operations. Thank you.

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Name: Sarah Quigley

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board Workshop

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Agenda Item: Principles and Best Practices of Highly Effective Governing Boards

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

It is deeply troubling that the Board of Regents would invite a representative from a politically far-right, anti-DEI, anti-higher education organization to lead a workshop on effective governance. I object to this person's inclusion on the agenda and encourage the Board to reconsider affiliations with such groups in the future.

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Name: Jennifer Pierce

Representing someone other than yourself?:

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Meeting Date: October 20, 2023

Agenda Item: PRINCIPLES AND BEST PRACTICES OF INFORMATION ONLY
HIGHLY EFFECTIVE GOVERNING BOARDS

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

I'm disturbed that the Nevada Board of Regents would intentionally invite a speaker from a foundation that espouses "anit-woke" rhetoric, and furthermore is seeking guidance on "best practices" about how to govern our system in a workshop from the foundation's president. As a colleague stated, "Oppressive reforms, like those happening in Florida and Texas, don't happen organically." The Board of Regnets should be ashamed for intentionally providing a platform to someone whom represents political ideology that erodes academic freedom and seeks to undermine diversity and equity in higher education.

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Name: Heather Peterson

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board Workshop

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Agenda Item: General Public Comment

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

The Martin Center is recognized as a highly partisan organization that has been flagged by the AAUP for its role in the erosion of governance in the UNC system. The demonstrated language on the group's own website suggests a fundamental lack of knowledge of – and even disdain for – faculty labor in higher education. Along with its “About us” page information, there are dozens of examples of additional publications and posts that fuel unfounded disinformation about higher education, are designed to uplift discriminatory practices, and erode the ability of faculty and students to engage as trusted participants in shared governance.

The UNC system has been formally cited by the AAUP for institutional racism, the erosion of shared governance and academic freedom, and the violation of the principles set forth in the 1966 Statement on Government of Colleges and Universities. The Martin Center takes pride in its role in these outcomes. We know that public institutions in states like North Carolina are quickly losing outstanding faculty and students because of these environments for higher education. It is extremely concerning that NSHE is not only affiliating itself with this group, but potentially seeking it as a model for higher education in our state.

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Email: elizabeth.gunn@nsc.edu

Name: Dr. Elizabeth Gunn

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board Workshop

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Agenda Item: Agenda Item 2: Workshop "PRINCIPLES AND BEST PRACTICES OF INFORMATION ONLY HIGHLY EFFECTIVE GOVERNING BOARDS"

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

Higher education in the United States, including public higher education in Nevada, has a profound responsibility to uphold a commitment to academic freedom as outlined and refined by the American Association of University Professors. Academic freedom, as defined in a broad scope, is freedom of expression in the selection of pedagogical materials and delivery methods relevant to the purpose of a disciplinary offering. It is also the ability and right to speak and write without institutional or disciplinary censorship. Both overt and subtle forces are intentionally eroding the tenants of academic freedom across the country. These organizations and individuals nefariously appropriate the language of academic freedom and democratic liberalism, often masquerading in terminology such as “access to dialogue” or “compelled speech” to undermine the intended purpose of free speech and free expression as it relates to faculty’s authority to teach materials and to deliver material according to their expertise. The deviation from academic freedom to a well-cloaked monitoring system is an intentional undermining of the democratic foundation of public higher education and shared governance, and by proxy the democratic foundation of the pursuit of knowledge and freedom. Indeed, there is a well-documented correlation between the erosion of academic freedom and shared governance with the rise of autocracy. With today’s workshop as an early warning signal, Nevada must proactively protect academic freedom in public higher education as a uncompromised tenant of our college and university system.

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Public Comment for the Board Workshop, October 20, 2023

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Name: Clement Gelly

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board Workshop

Meeting Date: October 20, 2023

Agenda Item: "Principles and Best Practices of Highly Effective Governing Boards"

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

I am strongly in opposition of NSHE and UNLV's engagement with the James G Martin Center for Academic Renewal. The Martin Center has a proven track record at the University of North Carolina system and elsewhere of undermining student and faculty shared governance of university life, eroding academic freedom, and alienating outstanding students and faculty. They have no place on the diverse and liberal campuses of Nevada's higher education.

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

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Public Comment for the Board Workshop, October 20, 2023

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Representing someone other than yourself?: TMCC Faculty Senate

Meeting: Board Workshop

Meeting Date: October 20, 2023

Agenda Item: The James G. Martin Center for Academic Renewal

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

Greetings! I urge the Board of Regents to be cautious with advice given by the James G. Martin Center for Academic Renewal. They are a political group with a political agenda. I hope the Regents will avoid polarizing political influences that could potentially disrupt our carefully balanced processes of shared governance.

Please read the document endorsed by all the Nevada Faculty Senate Chairs regarding our stance on this issue.

Thank you,
Rick Bullis, PhD
TMCC Faculty Senate Chair

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

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Representing someone other than yourself?: TMCC Faculty Senate (Chair)

Meeting: Board Workshop

Meeting Date: October 20, 2023

Agenda Item: James G. Martin Center for Academic Renewal

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

For the record, my name is Dr. Rick Bullis (spelled BULLIS) and I am a professor of communication at TMCC. I am also the current Chair of the TMCC Faculty Senate. I hope you all take the opportunity to read the letter endorsed by all Faculty Senate Chairs.

It is important for all the Board of Regents to know that the James G. Martin Center for Academic Renewal is a politically motivated group. They have a political agenda. Please consult their website for confirmation. Many of their recommendations are policies directly oppose our educational policies regarding academic freedom, diversity, equity, and inclusion. Some of their web pages SEND CHILLS DOWN MY SPINE As someone who strives for political equality and fairness, I hope that the Board of Regents will avoid polarizing political influences that may disturb our carefully balanced processes of shared governance. Political agendas in education have become a significant problem in North Carolina and Florida. Please don't let it happen in Nevada."

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

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Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board Workshop

Meeting Date: October 20, 2023

Agenda Item: "Principles and Best Practices of Highly Effective Governing Boards."

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

The workshop regarding "Principles and Best Practices of Highly Effective Governing Boards" threatens the academic integrity and freedom of scholars in various fields. The institution behind the talk, the James G. Martin Center for Academic Renewal, has caused universities in North Carolina and Florida to lose brilliant professors and students. The topics they wish to cut, like social justice initiatives, are of tremendous interest to the students, who are the heart of the universities. The AAUP has flagged this highly partisan organization for its role in the erosion of governance in the UNC system. If the Nevada System of Higher Education wishes to be independent and stand as a leader among other education boards, it should follow the interests of its own students and create its own initiatives.

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

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