

Resolution of the UNLV Graduate Council

WHEREAS, the 8% budget proposal of Governor Gibbons would result in a hiring freeze and/or loss of graduate faculty and support staff;

WHEREAS, proposed 10% increases in graduate tuition and fees that are being proposed will negatively impact graduate student education, retention, recruitment, and enrollment;

WHEREAS, loss of graduate faculty will result in increased demands for graduate teaching assistants at the same time that support of graduate assistants is waning with obvious negative consequences;

WHEREAS, cuts in funding may halt important ongoing construction projects such as the Science, Engineering, and Technology Building which will house cutting edge cross-disciplinary research that is vital to the graduate educational and research needs of the university;

WHEREAS, decreased resources will result in decreased graduate classes thus resulting in longer times for graduate students to complete their degrees;

WHEREAS, cuts in funding will result in decreased research support for graduate faculty and students and resulting decrease in UNLV's graduate reputation;

WHEREAS, funding decreases would derail UNLV's efforts to become a nationally and internationally respected research university; therefore

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the UNLV Graduate Council request that the Governor and Legislature find alternative ways of dealing with a shortfall in revenue so that they can fully fund the vital work of graduate education and research that is underway at UNLV; and additionally

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the funding formula for Nevada higher education be amended in order to promote equity amongst all Nevada students; and additionally

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the UNLV Graduate Council expects the state's political leaders to oppose budget cuts and tuition/fee increases for all students; therefore;

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the UNLV Graduate Council will send this resolution to Governor Jim Gibbons, Chancellor James E. Rogers, Chair of the NSHE Board of Regents Michael Wixom, Vice Chair Howard Rosenberg, Regent Stavros Anthony, Regent Cedric Crear, Regent Thalia Dondero, Regent Dorothy Gallagher, Regent Jason Geddes, Regent Ron Knecht, Regent James Dean Leavitt, Regent Jack Lund Schofield, Regent Steve Sisolak, Regent Bret Whipple, UNLV President David Ashley, UNLV Provost Neal Smatresk, CSUN President Adriel Espinoza, all NHSE institution presidents and student government presidents, *The Rebel Yell*, the *Las Vegas*

Review-Journal, the *Las Vegas Sun*, and local news stations: (KVBC, FOX5, KLAS, KTNV).

Approved this 6th day of December, 2007

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