

Dear Campus Community,

The Graduate & Professional Student Association is taking strong action along with the voices of CSUN, and the Graduate Council to protest the proposed UNLV budget cuts of 8% made by Governor Jim Gibbons. In addition to the budget cuts, graduate students are looking at a proposed 10% increase in tuition & fees and undergraduates are looking at a 5% increase. The combined effect of both the tuition & fees increase and budget cuts would be disastrous for the entire UNLV community.

What are the potential implications?

- Hiring freeze and/or loss in faculty and staff
- Greenspun Hall and the Science and Education Building construction delayed and/or not opening
- Reductions or an outright elimination of various scholarships and research funding
- Negative impacts on recruitment and retention of students
- Reductions in course offerings
- Classroom space limitations and availability concerns
- Fewer students able to graduate on time

All of these stated reasons are directly opposed to UNLV's vision for becoming and sustaining research extensive status.

Please join us from 12 - 1 p.m. on Thursday, December 6, 2007 at the Amphitheater (the grassy area on the North side of the Student Union—in front of FDH) to hear speakers: Dr. Ron Smith, Vice President of Research and Graduate Studies, Dr. Bryan Spangelo, Chair of the Faculty Senate, and Dina Titus, Professor of Political Science and Nevada Senate Minority Leader discuss this issue, sign a petition, and write a letter to the governor. **Show your support and get your voice heard.**

Sincerely,

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Jeremy Ashton Houska

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