



# UNLVCSUN

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

**CONSOLIDATED STUDENTS**  
**UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS**  
*56th Legislative Session*

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**SENATE RESOLUTION 56-01**

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**AN ACT IN OPPOSITION OF THE PROPOSED INCREASE ON TUITION**

Resolution Number: SR 56-01

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Sponsor of Legislation: University Initiatives Committee, CSUN Senate

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**WHEREAS**, the Consolidated Students of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (CSUN) represents all 27,000+ undergraduate students enrolled at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, the Senate of the Consolidated Students of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, under the authority of CSUN Constitution VI.D.01, is “empowered to enact any legislation that falls under the jurisdiction of CSUN”; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, CSUN must actively advocate and represent the needs of all undergraduate students; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, the proposed tuition increase would disproportionately impact low-income, first generation, working and transfer students, which make up a majority of the student population and often have limited financial flexibility; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, increased tuition and fees cause students to take on additional work hours, take on more debt, and reduce their courseloads, thereby negatively impacting academic performance; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, according to *A qualitative examination of the impacts of financial stress of college students' well-being: Insights from a large, private institution* by Nora Et al., published in the peer-reviewed SAGE Journal *SAGE Open Medicine*, increased financial burden placed on students increases the likelihood that students will enroll part-time, interrupt their academic coursing schedule, or withdraw from UNLV, negatively impacting student retention; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, alternative sources of funding have not been fully explored or publicly disclosed; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, increasing student tuition contradicts UNLV's stated vision of "Improving the lives of our diverse students..."; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, funds allocated from Nevada legislature for higher education has decreased in recent years, contributing to a greater reliance on tuition and fee increases; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, there has been no recent evidence of coordinated efforts to strengthen collaboration and advocacy between the university and the Nevada Legislature to ensure increased and long-term funding for higher education; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, the NSHE predictable pricing program was implemented to ensure transparency, financial stability, and advance notice of tuition pricing, yet, the proposed tuition increase would create deviations in this program preventing students from obtaining an accurate predictable price; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, The argument that NSHE Institutions remain 'relatively affordable' compared to colleges nationwide is unjustifiable, as the System fails to acknowledge that the overall cost of living in Nevada is significantly higher than in many other states; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, the long term effects of a tuition increase extends beyond the current student body and creates ongoing financial barriers for future cohorts; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, in a CSUN-administered survey opened on December 19th 2025, of 526 undergraduate students, approximately 97.7% (513) of respondents expressed opposition to the proposed 12% tuition and fee increase; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, survey responses disproportionately reflected concerns from low-income, first-generation, working, and financially independent students; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, results from the survey showed that a large portion of students reported being unaware of the proposed tuition increase, and among those who were aware, a majority stated they learned of the proposal through CSUN rather than the institution directly, which brings rise to concerns regarding transparency; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, respondents to the survey showed representation from all class levels, including 29.4% freshmen, 19.6% sophomores, 31.1% juniors, and 20% senior respondents, demonstrating concerns regarding the proposed tuition increase is shared broadly across the student body; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, in the administered survey, 407 students reported they would have to work additional hours, 373 students said they would take on more debt, 265 reported they would have to delay graduation, 253 reported they would need to lower their course load, 213 reported they would transfer or withdraw from UNLV, and 97 reported they would drop out entirely if the proposed tuition increase is implemented; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, when asked how a 12% increase on tuition and fees would affect their ability to continue their education, 70.8% of students reported that the increase would have a significant impact and an additional 21.2% reported that it would have a moderate impact, jeopardizing students' ability to remain enrolled or progress to degree completion; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, numerous respondents expressed concern over the lack of clear justification and transparency regarding the proposed tuition increase and the absence of publicly communicated alternative funding efforts; **AND**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Consolidated Students of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, formally disapproves of the proposed 12% total increase on student tuition and fees; **AND**

**LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED**, that CSUN urges the NSHE Board of Regents to reject the current proposal that imposes a tuition increase; **AND**

**LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED**, that CSUN urges the System to pursue alternative funding sources rather than defaulting to increased student tuition and fees, acknowledging that while the System repeatedly asserts no one wants to raise tuition, such increases continue to be implemented regardless; **AND**

**LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED**, that the System and Board maintains the 15% Access funds to provide financial aid and assistance for students, **AND**

**LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED**, that if the Board of Regents disregards this CSUN Senate Resolution, representing the voices of 25% of NSHE, on the proposed tuition increase that the System will do the following:

- Assure that situations that led to this proposed tuition increase do not happen again;
- Work with students to secure funding for higher education in each legislative session;
- Ensure that implementation of the increases is widely reported and distributed to the students of NSHE;
- Fully break down the reasons that led to the tuition increases to students;
- Require each institution to publicly provide a budget report of student fees to the student body;
- Adhere to the originally established predictable pricing program, or create a new accurate predictable pricing program;
- Commit to any new predictable pricing program if implemented; **AND**

**LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED**, should the Board of Regents disregard this resolution and proceed without adequately addressing student concerns, CSUN will commit to organizing widespread student voter registration, voter education and participation to ensure that students hold the the Board of Regents accountable in future elections; **AND**

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that this resolution be posted to CSUN social media platforms, sent to all undergraduate students via the Student Body President email, posted in public areas on the UNLV campus, transmitted to the UNLV President, the UNLV Vice President for Student Affairs, the UNLV Chief Financial Officer, the NSHE Chancellor, all members of the NSHE Board of Regents, and read as public comment at the January 23rd Board of Regents meeting.

**SR 56-01, ADOPTED** by the Senate on this \_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_, 20\_\_

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Sharon Flores, Senate President

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Liana Wieand, Senate Secretary

**SR 56-01, APPROVED** on this \_\_ Day of \_\_, 20\_\_ by

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Kelechi Odunze, Student Body President