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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

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

EXECUTIVE RESOLUTION 56-02

AN ACT IN SUPPORT OF THE APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM PRESIDENT CHRIS HEAVEY AS PERMANENT PRESIDENT OF UNLV

Resolution Number: ER 56-02

Authors of Legislation: Kelechi Odunze, Student Body President; Princessa Tolano, Student Body Vice President; Sharon Flores, Senate President

Sponsor of Legislation: Executive Board

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 (UNLV); 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, Dr. Heavey was named Interim President in April 2025 after serving as Officer in Charge during the month of March 2025 following the departure of former President Keith Whitfield; AND

WHEREAS, before serving as Interim President, Dr. Heavey served as Executive Vice President and Provost from 2019 to 2025, following his various roles as Senior Vice Provost, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, and Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, with over 30 years of professional service at our University; AND

WHEREAS, Dr. Heavey has 33 years of experience at UNLV, showing his commitment, dedication, and passion for the advancement of UNLV; AND

WHEREAS, in his role as Interim President, Dr. Heavey has advanced student academic initiatives through expanding access to micro-credentials for lifelong learning and launching 46 fully online degree programs to increase educational access for non-traditional students; AND

WHEREAS, Dr. Heavey has supported student-driven initiatives and collaborated with students to improve the campus experience, including establishing scooter lanes on campus for community safety, increasing access to the UNLV food pantry, providing equitable technology access to students, and installing additional shade structures on UNLV's campus to combat Nevada heat; AND

WHEREAS, Dr. Heavey has efficiently realized key campus projects like the Business School expansion project and Brussels Parking Garage; AND

WHEREAS, Dr. Heavey has supported the implementation of \$5 million in foundational campus security updates and supported memorializing UNLV's December 6, 2023 tragedy by securing capital funds for the Bloom Healing Garden; AND

WHEREAS, Dr. Heavey has worked to expand UNLV's regional, national, and international reach through projects including the biotech innovation hub, UNLV Civic Plaza, collaboration with Intermountain Health on the region's first standalone children's hospital and Clark County on the Lake Mead Microbus Park; AND

WHEREAS, Dr. Heavey in his role has recruited and supported diverse and dynamic individuals to advance UNLV's status as an R1 research institution; AND

WHEREAS, in order for an R1 university to be truly stable and promote long-term success, that university needs stable and long-term leadership to continue advancing its rigorous R1 mission as well as undertaking academic, research, infrastructure, and student-focused initiatives; AND

WHEREAS, Dr. Heavey was included on the May 1st Board of Regents Special Meeting Agenda regarding the removal of his Interim title, in which the item has been deferred indefinitely although there have been various meetings including the September Quarterly Meeting in which the consideration could have been included; AND

WHEREAS, the President of Nevada State University stepped down in September 2025, and the Board appointed a new Permanent President of NSU at the May 1st Board of Regents Special Meeting; AND

WHEREAS, the expedited appointment of a permanent President at NSU shows that institutions within NSHE can receive timely consideration and resolution of presidential vacancies; AND

WHEREAS, CSUN was prepared to support the appointment of Dr. Heavey as the Permanent President, and continues to await the Board's action as to whether they will appoint him to the position or launch a national search; AND

WHEREAS, given that UNLV is Nevada's largest university and its continued advancement of its R1 research mission, major projects, and student-focused initiatives, CSUN believes UNLV should be afforded the same timely consideration for permanent leadership as other institutions;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: CSUN, as the official representatives of the more than 27,000 undergraduate students who attend UNLV, affirms our support for the appointment of Dr. Heavey as Permanent President, and urges the Board to appoint Dr. Heavey as Permanent President rather than launching a national search for aforementioned reasons; AND

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED: CSUN will continue to work with President Heavey to further dynamic, distinctive, and future-focused advancements in line with UNLV's R1 mission to keep our University competitive; AND

LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED: that a copy of this resolution be publicized to the UNLV student body and transmitted to:

- NSHE Chancellor, Matt McNair
- The NSHE Board of Regents
- UNLV President, Dr. Chris Heavey
- UNLV Executive Vice President and Provost, Dr. Lakshmi Reddi
- UNLV Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Keith Rogers

ER 56-02, ADOPTED by the Senate on this 31st Day of August, 2026

Sharon Flores, Senate President

Liana Wieand, Senate Secretary

ER 56-02, APPROVED on this 31st Day of August, 2026 by

Kelechi Odunze, Student Body President