CONSOLIDATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS

56th Legislative Session

SENATE RESOLUTION 56-06

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ACADEMIC WINTER SESSION

Resolution Number: SR 56-06

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Sponsor of Legislation: University Initiatives

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, According to institutional enrollment data, the UNLV undergraduate student population has increased by 8.03% since the Fall 2023 semester, **AND**

WHEREAS, An increasing student population has been met with stagnant class options, **AND**

WHEREAS, Students are finding it harder to enroll in required classes due to class options limited to fall, spring, and summer, **AND**

WHEREAS, UNLV students falling behind, in need of retaking a course, or unavailable required classes are in need of additional class options, **AND**

WHEREAS, Many institutions across the nation have successful winter sessions that prove to help students fulfill degree requirements, catch up on credits, or complete overenrolled courses, **AND**

WHEREAS, This winter break marks the 20th year of The University of Nevada Reno's (UNR) "Wintermester" allowing students to take up to 4 credits within a 3 week time period that go toward their full-time spring credit load, **AND**

WHEREAS, The University of Arizona has a similar large student population as UNLV and also provides their students with a 3-4 week winter session at a maximum of 4 credits, **AND**

WHEREAS, An academic winter session in addition to UNLV's current academic terms will support all students of UNLV and ensure the academic progression and persistence of future graduates, **AND**

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Consolidated Students of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (CSUN) supports the establishment of an academic winter session, **AND**

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, The Consolidated Students of UNLV support the undergraduate student population of UNLV having access to a winter session in addition to the Fall, Spring, and Summer sessions currently available, **AND**

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, The Consolidated Students of UNLV support the launch of an experimental winter session with similar structure to UNR and the University of Arizona's winter sessions, in order to gauge student and faculty interest, **AND**

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, That CSUN Student Government supports providing UNLV students with winter session classes available in different formats including in-person, online, and hybrid, **AND**

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, That CSUN Student Government supports expansion of UNLV academics and more accessible pathways for students to graduate on time, **AND**

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That this resolution be communicated to the Executive Vice President and Provost, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management, Curriculum Committee, Faculty Senate, and relevant campus partners, and be posted on CSUN's online social media platforms and communicated to students via newsletters for public awareness.

ADDENDUM A

E. ACADEMIC OFFERINGS AND POLICIES

E1. Special study options: Identify those programs available at your institution. Refer to the glossary for definitions.

- ☐ Accelerated program
- ☑ Comprehensive transition and postsecondary program for students with intellectual disabilities
- ☑ Cross-registration
- ☑ Distance learning
- ☑ Double major
- ☑ Dual enrollment
- ☐ English as a Second Language (ESL)
- ☑ Exchange student program (domestic)
- ☑ External degree program
- ☑ Honors program
- ☑ Independent study
- ☑ Internships
- ☐ Liberal arts/career combination
- ☑ Student-designed major
- ☑ Study abroad
- ☑ Teacher certification program
- ☑ Undergraduate Research
- ☐ Weekend college
- ☐ Other (specify):

E2. Has been removed from the CDS.

E3. Areas in which all or most students are required to complete some course work prior to graduation:

- ☑ Arts/fine arts
- ☐ Computer literacy
- ☑ English (including composition)
- ☐ Foreign languages
- ☑ History
- ☑ Humanities
- ☑ Mathematics
- ☐ Philosophy
- ☑ Sciences (biological or physical)
- ☑ Social science
- ☐ Physical Education
- ☑ Intensive writing
- ☐ Other (specify):

SB 56-06 ADOPTED by the Senate on this

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Sharon Flores, Senate President

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Liana Wieand, Senate Secretary

SB 56-06 , APPROVED on this

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Kelechi Odunze, Student Body President