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Board of Regents Special Meeting

January 12, 2023 – January 13, 2023

Agenda Item 3

No Position stated – Concerned or Neutral

I would like to congratulate and give a warm welcome to the 5 newly elected Regents.

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Board of Regents Special Meeting (January 12-13)

January 12, 2023 – January 13, 2023

public comment

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In the spirit of today's orientation session, the Nevada Faculty Alliance would like to give a brief explanation of academic freedom and shared governance.

- Academic freedom is the freedom to teach.
- Academic freedom is the freedom to determine curriculum and academic standards.
- Academic freedom is the freedom to explore all avenues of scholarship, research, and creative expression and to disseminate the results.
- Academic freedom is the freedom to speak or write on matters of public concern and on any matter related to professional duties and the functioning of governance of the academic institution.

Instructors are entitled to freedom in the classroom. Although academic freedom does not mean free rein to persistently discuss material with no relation to the subject, teachers must be free to discuss controversial material in their subject area without fear of retribution or censorship. Controversy is at the heart of free academic inquiry.

College and university teachers are citizens, members of a learned profession, and officers of an educational institution. When they speak or write as citizens on matters of public concern, they should be free from institutional censorship or discipline.

Shared governance is part of the academic freedom for faculty collectively to determine curriculum and academic standards. The role of the faculty is to have primary responsibility for such fundamental areas as curriculum, subject matter and methods of instruction, research, faculty status, and those aspects of student life which relate to the educational process. The responsibility for faculty status includes appointments, reappointments, decisions not to reappoint, promotions, the granting of tenure, and dismissal.

Thank you.

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