Resolution of UNLV Faculty Senate
UNLV and Carnegie Research University Very High (“Tier One”) Classification
25 March 2014

Whereas UNLV faculty takes great pride in its research and creative accomplishments;

Whereas UNLV faculty has sought consistently to maximize its research and creative productivity given available resources and infrastructure;

Whereas in order to move substantially beyond its present state in terms of research and creative productivity, UNLV requires significant new investments in both faculty and infrastructure;

Whereas the 2011 Brookings/Brookings Mountain West/SRI study aptly identified the lack of a Carnegie Tier One Research University in Nevada as a “threat” to the economic prosperity of the region;

Whereas Nevada is the most populous state in the union lacking at least one Carnegie Tier One Research Institution;

Whereas the UNLV faculty is committed to providing its students with the education and skills necessary to pursue meaningful and prosperous careers as Nevada’s economy grows and diversifies;

Whereas the Las Vegas Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce has recognized in an article on its website that Tier One classification is “a bold, empowering goal for our region” that “everyone with a stake in Southern Nevada, from business owners and employers to families with small children, needs to support”; and whereas the Chamber hosted a well attended half-day event for consideration of this matter on 19 March 2014;

And Whereas status as a Carnegie Tier One Research University demonstrates an educational institution's excellence regarding the education of its students, the productivity of its faculty and administration, and service to benefit its local, statewide, national and, indeed, international communities;

be it Resolved that the UNLV Faculty Senate declares the faculty’s intention to continue efforts to increase its research and creative productivity on a per-capita basis, consistent with the infrastructure at its disposal;

that the UNLV Faculty Senate enthusiastically embraces the project of moving UNLV systematically towards becoming a Carnegie Research University with “Very High” research activity (thus attaining “Tier One” status);

that the UNLV Faculty Senate regards investments from the State of Nevada to be critical to the attainment of this goal, beginning with the elimination of furloughs and the restoration of full contractual salaries;

and that the UNLV Faculty Senate calls upon the Board of Regents and the Nevada State Legislature to make appropriate investments in the future of UNLV at the 2015 legislative session, with support for new faculty hires and additional resources to support faculty retention and the development of new infrastructure.