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Dear NSC Students:

You may have heard that the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents recently approved an increase in student registration fees for each of the institutions in the Nevada System of Higher Education for the 2012-2013 Academic Year. Raising fees is a difficult decision for the Board of Regents, and we understand that the additional costs have a significant impact on our students. The approved 8 percent increase will go into effect fall 2012 and will raise the current NSC fees by \$10.25 per credit hour. NSC fees for the 2012-2013 Academic Year will total \$148.75 per credit plus any applicable system course fees.

The NSC administration has been working closely with the NSSA to develop a plan for utilizing these funds in a manner that serves student success on our campus. In the past several months, we have heard from many of you that the current budget crisis and resulting loss of campus personnel have impeded your educational experience, particularly with regard to more limited course options, fewer opportunities to interact with faculty and advisors, and longer response times in our student services offices. The revenue generated from this increase in fees will be used to restore many of the services that have been lost as a result of budget cuts. We will be adding additional positions in instruction, academic support, and student success services. In addition, we will be reserving 15% of the revenue generated from this fee increase to expand the financial aid available to those students with the greatest financial need.

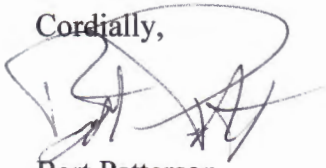
Our proposed plan will allow NSC to restore four full time academic faculty positions and to expand the number of course sections that we are able to offer to currently enrolled students. By restoring these faculty positions, we will be able to better assist students in meeting their educational objectives and in making timely progress towards graduation. We will also add additional positions in the library, institutional research and in the advising offices to ensure that students have the academic support that they need on campus. We will also be adding a front-line student services position in the financial aid office to help alleviate the wait times that students are currently experiencing.

The Board of Regents will review our plan in January 2012 and make decisions about the allocation of these student fee dollars on each of the NSHE campuses. We will continue to work closely with the NSSA on these matters and to keep you informed of the outcome of that Board of Regents meeting.

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We realize there is never a good time for a fee increase, particularly in light of the current economic hardships in the State of Nevada and around the world. A portion of the revenue generated from the increase will be dedicated to address the additional educational costs for students, and our financial aid office is here to assist you in ensuring that you have the necessary funding to meet your educational goals. We thank you for your commitment to the NSC campus, and we promise to continue our focus on raising the quality of your educational experiences.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bart Patterson', written over a circular stamp or seal.

Bart Patterson
Interim President