International students represent a valuable resource to our university community; they enhance the cultural diversity of the student population; they represent a future resource in an increasingly interconnected world; and they provide significant economic contributions to our state and institution.

**International Education Bullet Points**

- There were 671,616 international students studying in the United States (Institute of International Education; this represents an 8% increase over the previous year (IIE: Open Doors 2009)

- International students contributed $15.5 billion to the U.S. economy, making the education of international students economically significant (IIE: Open Doors 2008)

- In Nevada, there were 3066 international students who contributed over $68 million to the state economy in 2008 ($31.3 million of this was spent on tuition and fees to NSHE institutions)(IIE: Open Doors 2008)

- At the University of Nevada, Reno, there were 672 international students representing 72 nations

- At the University of Nevada, Reno, there are 255 international researchers and faculty from 49 countries who contribute to the research objectives of the university

- International education includes the following:
  - Attracting quality students from around the world
  - Sending university students to study abroad
  - Attracting high quality researchers and faculty from around the world
  - Promoting intercultural understanding
  - Internationalizing the curriculum

- International Education is a critical part of higher education at research universities in the United States and at the University of Nevada, Reno.

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