



University of Nevada, Reno

iNtegrate-related Revisions to the Biennium Budget Reduction Plan

**Submitted to the Nevada Board of Regents
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The Board decision to revert the \$10M general fund appropriation associated with the iNtegrate project will result in reduction relief totaling \$3,229,680 for the University of Nevada, Reno appropriation units. As a result of the Board’s action, the university intends to modify its initial budget reduction plan in the following manner:

Budget Reduction Plan:

- **Proceed with the opening of the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center. Estimated savings, \$2,000,000.** The opening of the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center will proceed with scheduled opening of August 2008.
- **Restore library acquisitions. Estimated savings, \$300,000.** The library will proceed with planned book purchases. This action restores funding for approximately one-half of the annual monograph acquisitions budget.
- **Restore instructional equipment replacement. Estimated savings, \$300,000 over the biennium.** The University is an equipment-intensive operation. These funds are vital to both the undergraduate and graduate teaching and research missions of the University and are used to upgrade teaching laboratories and acquire key pieces of instrumentation.
- **Prorated reduction relief to other appropriation areas. Estimated savings, \$400,000.** Each of the appropriation units will receive a prorated share to offset planned reductions within their respective budgets. The amounts of the specific reductions are as follows:

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| School of Medicine | 182,185 |
| Intercollegiate Athletics | 36,095 |
| Statewide Programs | 44,588 |
| Agricultural Experiment Station | 53,022 |
| Cooperative Extension Service | 60,040 |
| Business Center North | 13,329 |
| State Health Laboratory | 10,740 |
| TOTAL | 400,000 |

- **Enhance funding for Scholarships, Estimated Cost, 229,680.** To university intends to use a portion of the reduction relief funds to augment its scholarship budget. These funds will be used to partially mitigate the impact of the tuition surcharge for low-income students.

Proposal for Consideration at the April Board Meeting

Since the announcement of the Governor's proposed budget reductions, the ASUN student leadership has been exploring several possible alternatives to alleviate the budget shortfall without imposing the \$5.00 per credit hour surcharge. The most viable alternative appears to be imposing a separate student fee to support student government. At the present time, ASUN is supported by a distribution of the per credit hour registration fee. For fiscal 2009 this amount will be \$4.34 per credit hour. ASUN is proposing the Board approve a separate fee to support student government, in lieu of the tuition surcharge, and that the current fees used to fund ASUN be used to partially offset university budget reductions for fiscal 2009. The advantages of this proposal are:

- Assessing a student fee specifically for the support of student government will increase funding for student programs and activities. The ASUN will receive approximately \$0.64 per credit hour (approximately \$180,000) more than the current allocation of the student registration fee.
- The portion of the student registration fee (\$4.34) currently allocated to support student government can be redirected to offset impacts of the state's budget shortfall during fiscal 2009 **eliminating the need for a student surcharge.**
- Beginning in Fiscal 2010, the \$4.34 formerly used to support ASUN could be used for other institutional purposes including possible improvements to student facilities or additional funding for student scholarships.
- A specific fee to support student government will provide greater visibility and accountability on the part of ASUN to the general student body.

ASUN intends to submit this proposal to the April meeting of the Board of Regents.