ESTABLISHMENT OF FUNDS:

There is hereby established with the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation the N. Edd and Nena Miller ASUN Leadership Award, hereinafter referred to as the "Fund." This agreement effective this 15\textsuperscript{th} day of October, 2004 by and between former ASUN student body officers and the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation, a nonprofit charitable corporation existing for the exclusive benefit of, or to carry out the purposes of, the University of Nevada, Reno or any organizations that are affiliated with the University of Nevada, Reno and are exempt from federal income taxation, hereinafter referred to as "Foundation."

BACKGROUND:

The morning was a crisp fall day on October 17, 1969. It was early, around 6:30 a.m., and the sun still had not broken the night’s darkness. Helium-filled balloons were marking a familiar route through downtown that University of Nevada, Reno President N. Edd Miller took to work each day. President Miller wondered, seeing the balloons becoming more frequent as he approached campus, what was happening. To his surprise, he was greeted by approximately 2,000 students, which was almost one third of the entire student enrollment of 6,317.

This was the era of student militancy at campuses across the nation and President Miller feared the worst at first, until ASUN student body officers helped him from his car to lead him through the cheering crowd. In his book, The University of Nevada, A Centennial History, (1974) Dr. James Hulse stated, “...they cheered him as if he were an athletic hero after a spectacular achievement...” (p. 72).

The event was conceived by five student body officers and took about a week to organize. Many students “pulled an all-nighter” preparing for the day’s events. President Miller loved balloons, so this became the theme for “N. Edd Miller Day”. The students confided in only three people outside the student body – Mrs. Nena Miller, the president’s secretary, Jean Baldwin and the university’s public relations person, Ed Olsen. All were essential co-conspirators. Mrs. Bartlett filled the President’s calendar with bogus appointments and Mr. Olsen alerted the local media of the secret mission.

Donuts and coffee waited in the Jot Travis Student Union for the entire campus. A few hours later ASUN hosted a luncheon honoring the President. After lunch, there was a festive balloon launch before an escort took the Millers to the airport. The Millers, with Mrs. Miller's secretly
packed suitcases in hand, were then sent on a weekend visit to San Francisco compliments of the student body.

The press coverage of the event was tremendous with United Press International and Associated Press broadcasting the story nationwide. The story was also covered in the international press. President Miller received numerous telegrams from across the country from colleagues, friends and strangers. He even received a congratulatory letter from President Richard Nixon soon after the occasion. A portion of Nixon’s letter stated, “At a time when many university presidents are targets of protest and demonstrations, events on your campus show not only that your are an outstanding president, but that the students of the University of Nevada recognize you dedication and your contributions in their behalf” (Hulse, p. 73).

The students stated their day of appreciation for N. Edd Miller was “for sticking by us on major issues and belief in student government.” Tom Wixon, Sagebrush editor, wrote, “His small size belies the myth of the Tall Texan, but N. Edd Miller is a giant of a man to those who know and work with him”.

Former ASUN officers created the N. Edd and Nena Miller ASUN Leadership Award endowment because of their devotion to a wonderful couple who fostered the true meaning of shared governance at the University of Nevada, Reno.

PROCEDURES:

The University of Nevada, Reno Foundation shall establish the Fund as a separate account, the earnings from which shall be used to support the Fund as more fully set forth herein.

Any and all contributions designated for the Fund shall be credited to the appropriate account number. All such contributions shall be administered in the manner set forth herein, and disbursements shall be made in accordance with the provisions specified in this document.

The Foundation accepts this gift with the stipulated uses and purposes made by the donor.

The Board of Trustees of the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation, or its designee(s), has and shall have full plenary power and authority to take, hold, manage, invest, and reinvest any principal hereunder, and any increase or accumulation to it, and any income from it, consistent with the management policies of the Foundation Board of Trustees or its designee(s).

USES AND PURPOSES:

1. This endowment and the subsequent award have been created to recognize outstanding leadership among current Associated Students of the University of Nevada (ASUN) student officers. The award, which includes a cash gift and a commemorative plaque, is to be given to an ASUN officer who through his or her leadership exemplifies the highest standards in supporting the purpose of the ASUN Constitution in representing and acting in behalf of the University of Nevada, Reno student body.
2. The intention is for one’s peers to select the recipient of the award. The current ASUN President may not be a recipient of the award. The ASUN President is given the responsibility and honor of bestowing the award as a function of his or her office.

3. To be eligible for the award the student must:
   - Be a current appointed or elected officer of the ASUN
   - Have served in an ASUN elected or appointed position for at least two concurrent academic semesters
   - Be in good academic and disciplinary standing with the University

4. A student may only receive this award once during his or her “career” as an ASUN officer.

5. Criteria for the award will be based upon the following:
   - 50% - Contributions to students of the University of Nevada through service as an ASUN officer
   - 20% - Academic accomplishments with consideration of the student’s GPA, research, membership in academic honoraries and other possible accomplishments.
   - 15% - Co-curricular activities
   - 15% - Community service

6. The award will be awarded annually, however if the ASUN leadership elect not to give the award for a given year this possibility is acceptable to maintain the integrity of the award. In this case, the award amount should be returned to the endowment fund.

7. In the years the award is distributed only one award is to be given. As the endowment matures the monetary value of the award should increase to enhance the prestige of the award and recognition.

8. The recipient of this award is to be selected by a selection committee consisting of:
   - The current ASUN President, committee chairman
   - Two current ASUN Senators
   - One ASUN official, who is not an ASUN Senator
   - One student at large
   - One administrative faculty member, ex-officio member

9. The selection process for this award is as follows:
   - A call for nominations will be announced by February 1st each year.
Any student, faculty or staff member may nominate a student for the award. Eligible students may also nominate themselves for the award. All nominees who meet the minimum eligibility requirements will be asked to complete an application form. The application form will be developed and modified by members of the selection committee as necessary. The selection committee will review all applications and interview the finalists. The final award will be presented at an appropriate ceremony, either at Honor the Best and/or an ASUN year-end banquet or presentation.

10. If at any time the Associated Students of the University of Nevada (ASUN) no longer exist or there is a change in the name of the organization, the new student governance body will assume responsibility for the distribution of this award. The title of the award should maintain N. Edd and Nena Miller names and “Leadership Award”.

11. The Trustees of the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation designate the administrators of the Fund to be the ASUN Administrative Advisor in conjunction with the current ASUN Executive Committee or their/his/her designee(s). The Foundation and/or the administrators shall report to the principal donor or his/her designee(s) to account for fund activity. The individuals to whom reports will be made is:

N. Edd and Nena Miller  
1480 Ayershire Court  
Reno, NV 89509  
Phone Number:(775) 826-765

Robyn Powers  
8801 White Fir Court  
Reno, NV 89523  
Phone Number: (775) 747-8884

The contacts above shall alert the Foundation to any changes in addresses or phone numbers.

DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS:

Payments of income from the Fund shall be made in a manner consistent with Foundation and the university payment procedures existing at the time of such payment.

CHANGE OF CONDITIONS:

The first award was made in May 2004, subsequent awards will be made every year out of the principal until the fund is fully endowed. Annual awards of $500.00 will be given from funds raised to date until one year after the fund reaches full endowment. Upon reaching the full endowment level, the award will be given from the available earnings at the amount determined for spending authority by Foundation endowment policy.
If the student is an employee on campus and taxes must be paid on the award, the tax amount should come out of the fund principal, so the minimum award is no less than $500.00.

This agreement may be amended or modified with mutual consent between the donor and the Foundation. Such changes would be made only if necessary and advisable for the more convenient or efficient administration of the Fund or to enable the Foundation to carry out the purposes of the Fund more effectively. However, no amendment or modification is to alter the intention of the donor in the uses and stipulations as stated above; also all such amendments and modifications must be consistent with the intent that the Fund be operated exclusively for charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes within the United States or any of its possessions and in a manner which shall make the Fund tax exempt and the donations to it deductible from taxable income to the extent allowed by the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code and other applicable legislation and regulations. Every amendment or modification in this agreement shall be made in writing and shall be signed by the donor, or his/her successor's interest, and the Foundation.

If at some time in the future, the Foundation Board of Trustees of the University of Nevada, Reno determines that the purpose for which the Fund was established no longer pertains and no donor or the donor's successor can be found for consultation and direction, the Board may designate an alternate use for the funds within the University. In such an event, the Fund shall at all times retain its identity and shall maintain the integrity of the original intent of the donor.

Dated this 14th day of Oct., 2004

John K. Carothers
Interim Executive Director, University of Nevada, Reno Foundation

Dated this ___ day of _____, ___

Dr. Rita Laden
Assistant Vice President, Student Life Services

Dated this 6th day of Oct., 2004

Robyn Powers
Representative for former ASUN Officers and Friends of the Millers

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