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# University and Community College System of Nevada

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April 30, 2003

Senator Raymond Rawson, Chairman  
Senate Committee on Human Resources and Facilities  
Nevada State Legislature  
401 S. Carson Street  
Carson City, Nevada 89701-4747

*Re: Assembly Bills 246 and 507*

Dear Senator Rawson:

On Monday, May 5, 2003, the Senate Committee on Human Resources and Facilities will hold hearings on several bills applicable to education, including Assembly Bill 246 and Assembly Bill 507. Specifically, Assembly Bill 246 establishes the Center for the Analysis of Crime Statistics at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Assembly Bill 507 revises provisions governing the transferability of certain community college credits toward the requirements for a baccalaureate degree from a university or state college within the University and Community College System of Nevada (UCCSN).

With respect to Assembly Bill 246, sponsored by Assemblyman John Oceguera, the UCCSN proposed an amendment that was adopted by the Assembly Committee on Judiciary that made technical revisions to the language creating the crime statistics center. The bill was further amended by the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means to include a declaration of legislative intent whereby the UCCSN is not to request general fund appropriations to support the operational costs of the Center (see Section 3). I see no problems with the current version of Assembly Bill 246 (2<sup>nd</sup> Reprint) and am confident that the Center at UNLV will benefit the State of Nevada. This program is congruent with Board of Regents' policies related to the importance of meeting the needs of the State of Nevada.

In regards to Assembly Bill 507, I have spoken on several occasions with Assemblywoman Chris Giunchigliani on the intent of the bill. With the bill as currently amended, I see no negative impact on UCCSN and its students. It is, in fact, congruent with and supportive of Board of Regents' policy mandating strong and effective transfer practices and emphasizing more pathways to the baccalaureate degree.

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I would be pleased to answer any questions you may have concerning this or any other legislation pertaining to Nevada's system of higher education. You may reach me directly at 775-784-4901, extension 223.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jane Nichols / CMA".

Jane Nichols  
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cc: Members, Senate Committee on Human Resources  
Assemblyman John Ocguera  
Assemblywoman Chris Giunchigliani  
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