



Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada

88th Session, 2020-2021

A RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF MARC JOHNSON AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO

Resolution Number: 85

Authored By: Senator Ribeiro, Senator Chantiyanon, and Senator Stoddard on behalf of Speaker Murphy

Sponsored By: 2020-2021 Student Government Assembly

Whereas, President Marc Johnson has a long career as an educator, researcher, and administrator, dedicating his life to serving and empowering communities through application of his knowledge and wisdom;

Whereas, President Johnson earned a bachelor's degree in Biology at Emporia State University, a Master of Technology in International Development from North Carolina State University, and a Master of Economics and a Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from Michigan State University;¹

Whereas, President Johnson served as the dean at Colorado State University for the College of Agricultural Sciences, as well as at Kansas State University College of Agriculture, and served as the director of the Kansas Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service before joining the University of Nevada, Reno in 2008;²

Whereas, President Johnson served Nevada students through his roles as Executive Vice President and Provost of the University, starting in 2008 up until he served as interim president in 2011;

Whereas, President Johnson has upheld his dedication to students and faculty of the University of Nevada, Reno without waver; a testament to this is the fact intercollegiate athletics have excelled at a national level in recent years under the supervision of his cabinet;³

¹ <https://www.unr.edu/president/biography>

² <https://www.unr.edu/president/biography>

³ <https://www.unr.edu/nevada-today/news/2020/wolf-pack-apr>

Whereas, through a cumulative effort of five years, President Johnson led the University into an “R1” classification by The Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education; this R1 title indicates that the University is a top doctoral institution in research activity in the nation;⁴

Whereas, The University of Nevada, Reno has also been ranked by the U.S. News & World Report as a top tier university for six consecutive years of his tenure as president;

Whereas, the faculty at the University of Nevada, Reno has grown in numbers and caliber, further propelling our standards as an exceptional educational institution;

Whereas, the increase in faculty off set the exponential growth in student enrollment resulting in a student to faculty ratio of 19:1;⁵

Whereas, President Johnson has expanded the scope of diversity, equity, and inclusion on the 19 University of Nevada, Reno’s campus, including the establishment and implementation of the Office 20 of Diversity and Inclusion;⁶

Whereas, Marc Johnson has elevated the success of the University of Nevada, Reno not just as 22 an institution that produces knowledge, but also as a transformative campus community that 23 embraces its dynamic and culturally enriched student body;

Whereas, the Associated Students of the University of Nevada, Reno recognize the Presidency of Marc Johnson in order to offer commendation and gratitude for his work on behalf of this institution;

Be it resolved that, a copy of this resolution be sent to the following people:

- President Marc Johnson
- President’s Council
 - Vice President of Development and Alumni Relation, Lynda Buhlig
 - Executive Vice President and Provost, Kevin Carman
 - General Counsel, Mary Dugan
 - Vice President of Student Services, Shannon Ellis

⁴ <https://www.unr.edu/nevada-today/news/2019/r1-carnegie>

⁵ <https://www.usnews.com/best-colleges/university-of-nevada-2568>

⁶ <https://www.unr.edu/nevada-today/news/2018/strength-through-diversity-recap>

- Executive Director of External Relations, Heidi Gansert
- Executive Director of Marketing & Communications and Chief Marketing Officer,
Kerri Garcia Hendricks
- Vice President of Research & Innovation, Mridul Gautam
- University Diversity and Inclusion Officer, Eloisa Gordon-Mora
- Director Intercollegiate Athletics, Doug Knuth
- Chair for Faculty Senate, Amy Pason
- Vice President for Administration & Finance, Vic Redding
- Chief of Staff & Assistant Vice President of Constituent Relations, Patricia Richard
- Vice President of Health Services & Dean of the School of Medicine, Thomas
Schwenck
- Chief Information Officer & Vice Provost for Information Technology, Steve Smith
- The Mayor of Reno, Hillary Schieve
- The Nevada Governor, Steve Sisolak
- Nevada State Senator, Catherine Cortez Masto
- Nevada State Senator, Jacky Rosen

Adopted in Senate on September 16th, 2020

Attest:

Hope Cronan, Senate Secretary

Keegan Murphy, Speaker of the Senate