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CONSOLIDATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS

54th Legislative Session

SENATE BILL 54-100

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR 4000 Cranes Project Memorial for December 6th, 2024

Bill Number: SB 54-100

Authors of Legislation: Sean Curry and Dominic Arellano, College of Engineering, Lee Business and Alumni Faria Tavecchi

Sponsor of Legislation: CSUN Ways And Means Committee

WHEREAS, the Consolidated Students of the University of Nevada (CSUN) represents all 25,000+ undergraduate students enrolled at the University of Nevada Las Vegas; **AND**

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Consolidated Students of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, under the authority of CSUN Constitution VI.D.01, is “empowered to enact any legislation that falls under the jurisdiction of CSUN”; **AND**

WHEREAS the 243 members of the 4000 Cranes Project, over a period of several months, worked to construct and string together 4000 cranes to honor the 4 victims of the December 6th tragedy; **AND**

WHEREAS the leadership of the 4000 Cranes Project provided the scope of work Under *Addendum A* and the display plans under *Addendum B*; **AND**

WHEREAS having been reviewed by Faculty Senate, Faculty Senate Memorial subcommittee approved; **AND**

WHEREAS having been reviewed by Planning and Development and developed designed by the Howard R Hughes College of Engineering Mechanical Department Director of Manufacturing and Design Engineering Jackson Wolfe Under *Addendum B* ;**AND**

WHEREAS the proposed location selected from Senators involved and the leadership of the 4000 Cranes Project are referenced under *Addendum C* ; **AND**

WHEREAS, the Bylaws allow the usage of the Interest Bearing Account whenever “Long-term projects, the benefits of which impact the entire student body.” As stated in Subsection D.1.I under Chapter 402 Section 1; **AND**

WHEREAS, the Bylaws allow the usage of the Interest Bearing Account whenever “Emergency funding

items that impact the entire student body.” As stated in Subsection D.1.I under Chapter 402 Section 1 ;
AND

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED, CSUN shall provide an amount not to exceed \$75,000 from the Interest Bearing Account Budget Line for the funding of the 4000 Cranes Project Memorial. Those funds shall be held in a separate subaccount beneath the Interest Bearing Account. Any Remaining Funds if not spent shall return to the Interest Bearing Account.

ADDENDUM A

Scope of Work

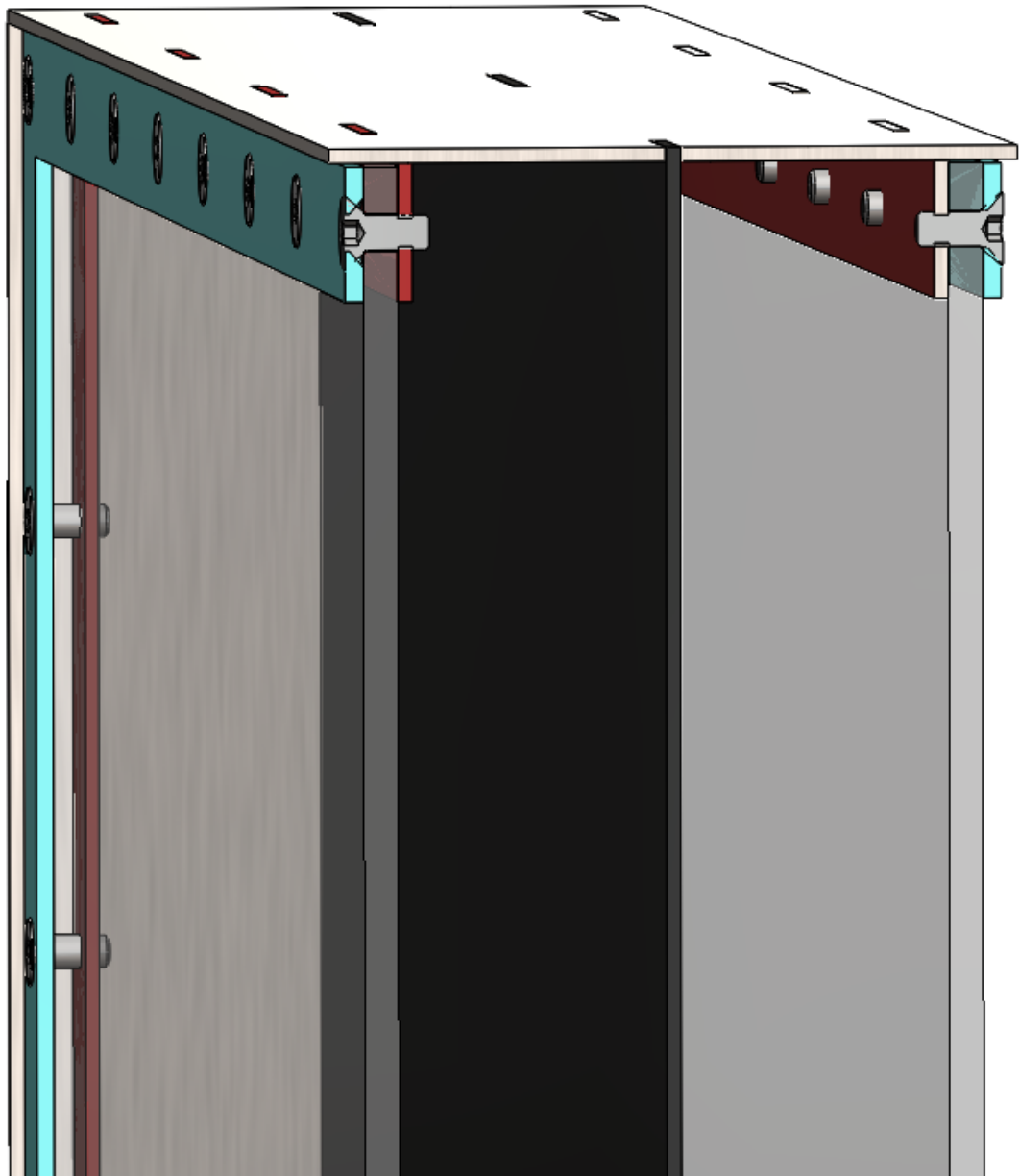
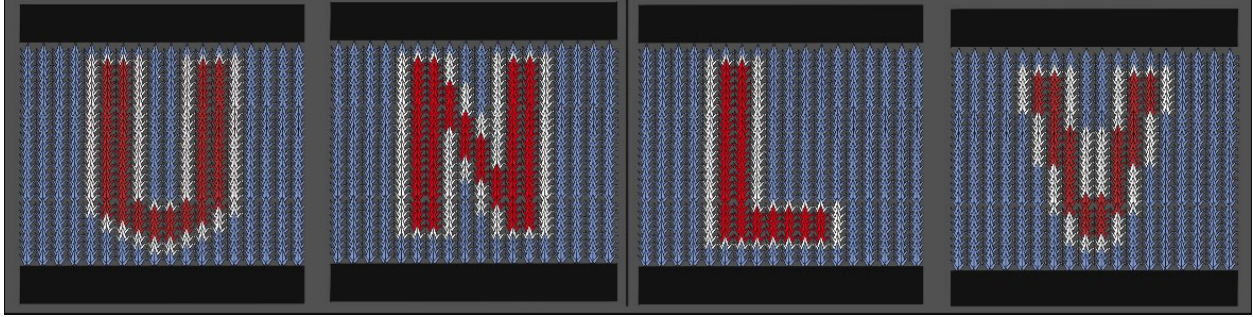
Since December 8th, 2023, I and four other lead organizers have led an initiative to create a paper crane memorial for the professors who lost their lives on December 6th. Initially, it started with an idea proposed by Lead Organizer Denise, who wanted to fold 1,000 cranes for Dr. Takemaru (known by many of her students as Takemaru sensei) as folding 1,000 cranes is considered a Japanese symbol of solidarity, honor, hope, and healing. It is customary to fold the 1,000 cranes all within one year. One idea and a group chat later, 16 students decided to meet that following Monday to begin

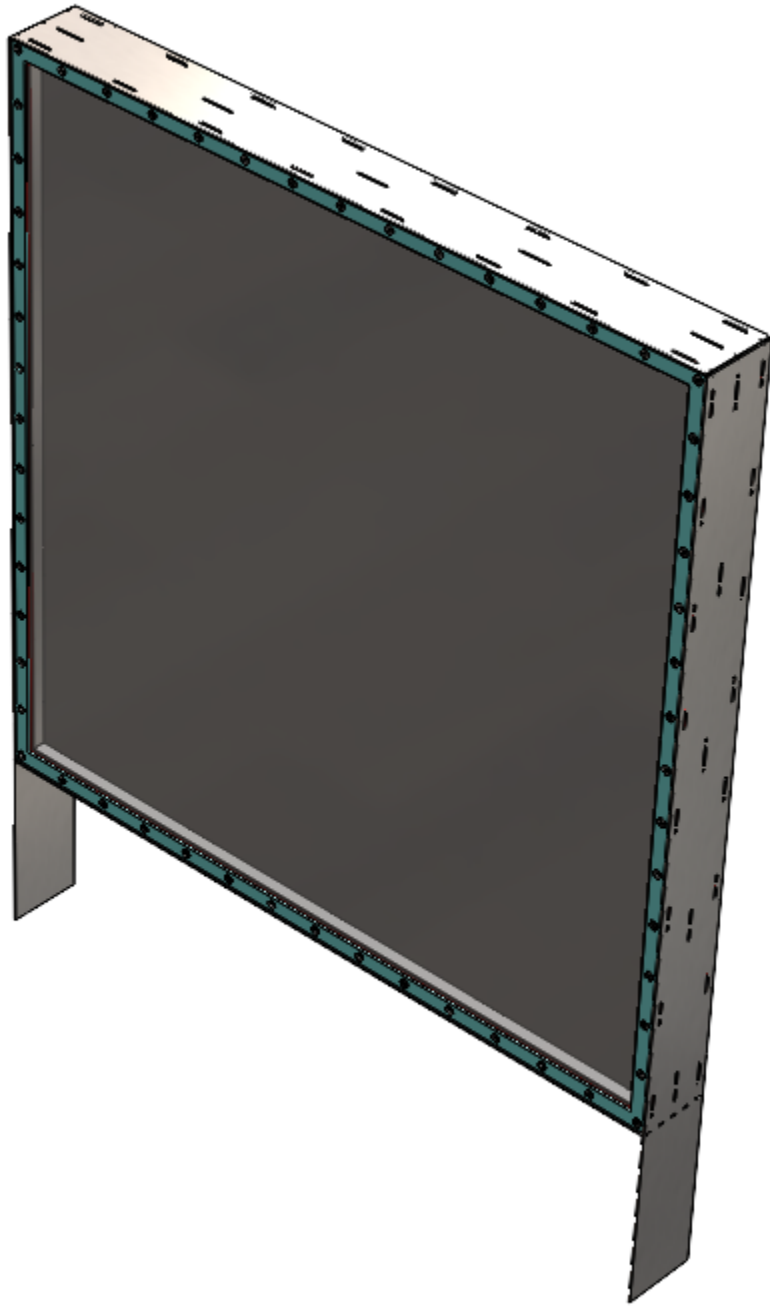
folding them. However, by the second day (that Saturday), over 200 students had joined the discord server—and the number only continued to grow as December continued. It became increasingly clear that we had to take a different approach to planning our meet-up (as 200 people in a Starbucks would lead to a very crowded room and very disgruntled employees), and the current board of students (led by Kyle) was created. Among the lead organizers were Kyle, Kylee, Jamie, Denise, and Rin. A further board of officers who could help keep track of crane counts, supplies, and other essential matters was also created, and we worked in tandem to set up meetings, keep track of counts, design the project, etc. As the discord expanded, Jamie played (and continues to play) a pivotal role in discord management. Furthermore, throughout our first two online meetings to set up logistics, we decided to increase our goal from 1,000 to 4,000 to commemorate and honor each professor who had been shot. These meetings were also where our design for the final boxes for these cranes took shape—four shadow boxes with 1,000 cranes each, forming the letters "UNLV" in vibrant red cranes. Moreover, to emphasize the diversity of UNLV's campus, we decided each box's "background" cranes would be a rich tapestry of multicolored cranes that vary in color and pattern. Just like the unique mix of individuals at UNLV, we hope each crane reflects various textures and colors, emulating the diversity and beauty of UNLV's campus community. As a result, many members brought in unique origami paper—including some members who brought in origami paper that had some significance to the fallen professors. Specifically, members brought paper patterned with black cats and music notes—a tribute to Dr. Takemaru's love for black cats and the piano. Some students even folded their Japanese homework into cranes! However, most notably throughout the design process was that, especially in the initial stages, we didn't even know each other's real names! Many of us coordinated, talked, and referred to one another solely by our Discord tags. Nevertheless, our first meeting, which was held in the 201 Plaza in Chinatown, was a complete success. With over 50 people in attendance, we achieved about 1,000 cranes on the first day. Nevertheless, the true success of our first meeting was in the connection it

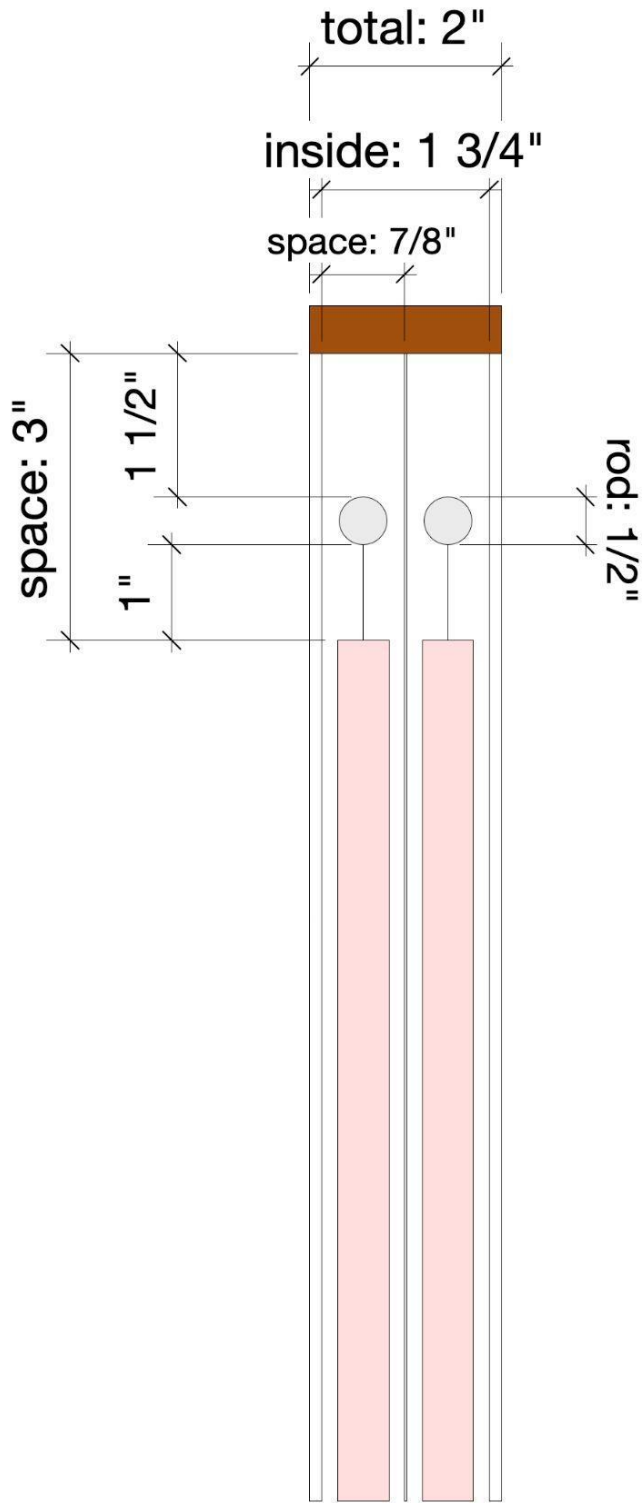
provided. Our members, most of whom were UNLV students, could connect and talk to one another—something which, for the first time since December 6th, served as a reminder to many that they were not alone and that everyone in attendance and online was there for them. This was the true success of our first meeting. Successive meetings, charitably hosted by the Discovery Children's Museum free of charge, yielded similar results—with students, alumni, past and current UNLV faculty, and greater Las Vegas community members connecting with and joining us to complete our goal. Word continued to spread throughout the Las Vegas Community about this project. Rin worked personally with the Japanese Department at UNLV to communicate with them as they joined our cause. Moreover, an officer of ours spoke with CSN Japanese Professors who further offered support and folded cranes. Throughout this time, students, faculty, and community members who did not feel comfortable in crowds could work on cranes remotely. Rin, Kyle, and I were on UNLV's campus before and after the vigil to pick up cranes from these members. Moreover, later on, Kyle worked with a local coffee shop in the Las Vegas community to set up a crane drop-off location, and for all others who could not make it to that location, Kyle and I went to pick up cranes from them. Many people also sent us cranes, mailing them to us. Miraculously, word of our project reached internationally, with former UNLV Japanese Professors reaching out and sending cranes from Japan. As of December 31st, 2023, we have completed our goal. While it is customary for 1,000 cranes to be completed in one year, with the help of everyone, both locally and internationally, we accomplished our goal of 4,000 cranes in just 23 days. Most recently, we have been working on a design for the final display case for these cranes (currently being held in Rin's office on campus). As we reached our goal, we reached out to everyone who lent a hand and supported us throughout this crane-folding journey. We asked them to sign or share a message on a special red crane. Specifically, these red cranes are unique – they will spell out 'UNLV' across four boxes, one letter per box. It's our way of acknowledging the incredible students, faculty, and members who joined forces with us to achieve our goal. The wonderful people who make up "UNLV." As a resilient community, much like these cranes, we aim to come together to honor the memory of these Professors and stand united in strength as we collectively navigate through grief and healing. Looking ahead, as we secure funding and construct this memorial piece, we envision 'UNLV' unfolding in vibrant red, engulfed in the sea of color and diversity that makes up our community on UNLV's campus so that this memorial cannot only commemorate and honor the lives of our fallen Professors but serve as an embodiment of the unity and resilience of our #unlvstrong community. Thank you for being part of this journey.

ADDENDUM B

Proposed Display

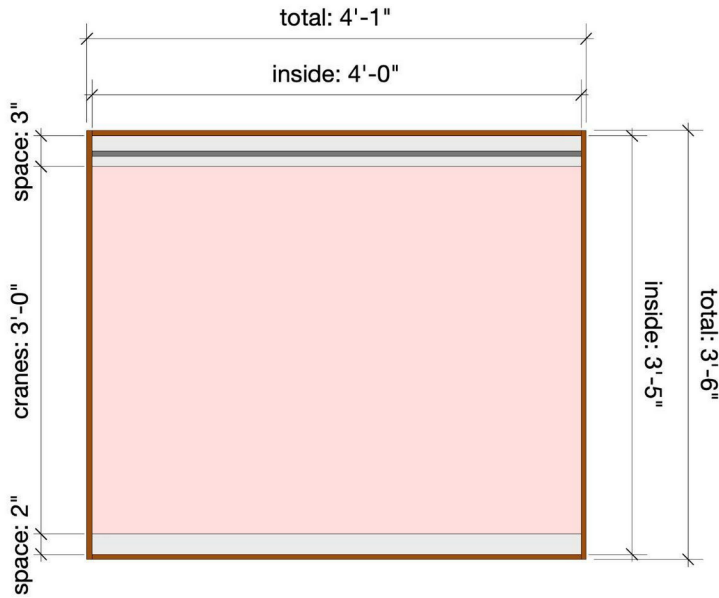




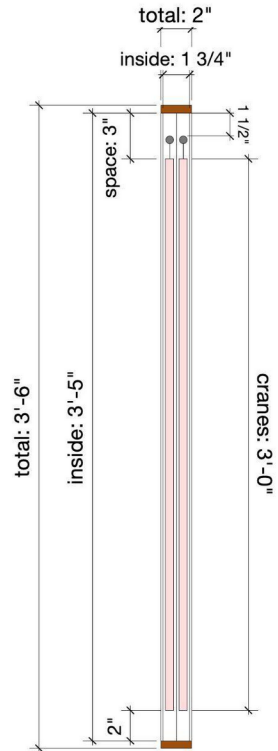


2 TOP OF SIDE VIEW

CORTEN STEEL 1/2" x 2" (4PC)
STAINLESS STEEL ROD 1/2" (2PC)
STAINLESS STEEL SHEET 0.018" (1PC)
PLEXIGLASS 1/8" (2 PC)



1 FRONT VIEW



2 SIDE VIEW

ADDENDUM C

Location

Beam Hall(BEH)

SB 54-100, ADOPTED by the Senate on this ___ Day of ___, 20__

Christian Abbo, Senate President

Liana Wieand, Senate Secretary

SB 54-100, APPROVED on this __ Day of __, 20__ by

Allister Dias, Student Body President