

**BOARD OF REGENTS and its
ACADEMIC, RESEARCH AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

University of Nevada, Reno
Joe Crowley Student Union, Milt Glick Ballrooms B & C
87 West Stadium Way, Reno
Thursday, June 9, 2022

Video Conference Connection from the Meeting Site to:
System Administration, Las Vegas
4300 South Maryland Parkway, Board Room
and
Great Basin College, Elko
1500 College Parkway, Berg Hall Conference Room

Members Present:

Dr. Jason Geddes, Chair
Mrs. Cathy McAdoo, Vice Chair
Mr. Joseph C. Arrascada
Dr. Mark W. Doubrava
Ms. Laura E. Perkins

Other Regents Present:

Dr. Patrick R. Carter, Board Vice Chair
Ms. Amy J. Carvalho
Mr. John T. Moran

Others Present:

Ms. Renée Davis, Acting Vice Chancellor for Academic and
Student Affairs and Community Colleges
Ms. Keri D. Nikolajewski, Interim Chief of Staff to the Board
Ms. Crystal Abba, Officer in Charge
Mr. Andrew Clinger, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. James Martines, Interim Chief General Counsel
Ms. Terina Caserto, Senior Analyst, Academic & Student Affairs
Mr. Tillery Williams, Senior Fiscal and Policy Analyst
Mr. Harry Ward, Deputy Attorney General
Dr. Federico Zaragoza, CSN President
Dr. Kumud Acharya, DRI President
Ms. Joyce M. Helens, GBC President
Dr. DeRionne P. Pollard, NSC President
Dr. Karin M. Hilgersom, TMCC
Dr. Keith E. Whitfield, UNLV President
Mr. Brian Sandoval, UNR President
Dr. J. Kyle Dalpe, WNC Interim President

Faculty senate chairs in attendance were: Dr. Julian Smit, CSN; Dr. Dave Rhode, DRI; Mr. Kevin Seipp, GBC; Dr. Samantha Jewell, NSC; Mr. Glenn Heath, System Administration; Dr. Virginia Irintcheva, TMCC; Ms. Shannon Sumpter, UNLV; Dr. Amy Pason, UNR; and Mr. Jim Strange, WNC.

Student body presidents in attendance were: Ms. Yvette Machado, CSN; Mr. Zachary Stamp, GBC; Ms. Tessa Espinosa, NSC; Mr. John Fenton, TMCC; Mr. Issac Hernandez, UNLV-CSUN; Ms. Dionne Stanfill, UNR-ASUN; and Mr. Matthew Hawn, UNR-GSA.

Chair Jason Geddes called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with all members present.

1. Information Only-Public Comment – The following individuals submitted public comment in support of an increase in graduate student stipends: Son Nguyen, Ach Bine, Chloe Collier and Farhana Hossain.

Susan Elbe offered public comment in support of aligning the age requirement of the Nevada Foster Youth Fee Waiver with the FAFSA.

2. Approved-Consent Items – The Committee recommended approval of the consent items.
 - (2a.) Approved-Minutes – The Committee recommended approval of the minutes from the March 3, 2022, meeting. (Ref. ARSA-2a on file in the Board Office)
 - (2b.) Approved-UNLV – Program Elimination, BA, Dance – The Committee recommended approval of UNLV’s request to eliminate the Bachelor of Arts in Dance due to low enrollment. During the last several years students have preferred to complete UNLV’s Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance. (Ref. ARSA-2b on file in the Board Office)
 - (2c.) Approved-UNLV – Program Deactivations, Education – The Committee recommended approval of UNLV’s request to deactivate the following Bachelor of Arts programs, each having significant course overlap with its corresponding Bachelor of Science counterpart. During the five-year deactivation period, the institution will consult with faculty to review the plan for possible reactivation of each program.
 - Elementary Education, BA (Ref. ARSA-2c1 on file in the Board Office)
 - Secondary Education, BA (Ref. ARSA 2c2 on file in the Board Office)
 - Special Education, BA (Ref. ARSA-2c3 on file in the Board Office)
 - (2d.) Approved-UNLV – Program Deactivation, MA Theatre – The Committee recommended approval of UNLV’s request to deactivate the Master of Arts in Theatre due to low faculty numbers to support the program at this time. Additionally, the program has low enrollment. (Ref. ARSA-2d on file in the Board Office)

2. Approved-Consent Items – *(continued)*

- (2e.) Approved-CSN – Program Elimination, AAS Computer Office Technology – The Committee recommended approval of CSN’s request to eliminate the AAS in Computer Office Technology due to lack of enrollment, the changing landscape of technology, and the decline of community workforce need. *(Ref. ARSA-2e on file in the Board Office)*

Regent Arrascada moved approval of the consent items. Vice Chair McAdoo seconded. Motion carried.

3. Approved-CSN – Program Proposal, AAS Advanced Manufacturing – The Committee recommended approval of CSN’s request for an AAS in Advanced Manufacturing. The proposed program will teach the specific skills needed for local industry, streamline nomenclature, and enhance the marketability of the program. *(Ref. ARSA-3 on file in the Board Office)*

Dr. James McCoy, CSN Vice President of Academic Affairs, provided a brief overview of the program proposal.

Regent Doubrava moved approval of an Associate of Applied Science in Advanced Manufacturing at CSN. Regent Arrascada seconded.

Regent Arrascada shared his support for the program as it perfectly fits with the NSHE’s Strategic Goals.

Motion carried.

4. Approved-Handbook Revision, Foster Youth Fee Waiver – The Committee recommended approval of a revision to Title 4, Chapter 17, Section 13 to standardize eligibility requirements for foster youth under the care of a Nevada child welfare agency, regardless of the state in which they graduated from high school. Further, the proposal revises the age at which a student must have been in custody of a Nevada child welfare agency to qualify for the waiver from 14 to 13, consistent with similar requirements for filers of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. *(Ref. ARSA-4 on file in the Board Office)*

Ms. Renée Davis, Acting Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs and Community Colleges, provided a brief overview of the proposal.

Vice Chair McAdoo moved approval of the policy proposal. Regent Perkins seconded.

Regent Arrascada asked for more information on potential 13-year-old recipients and Acting Vice Chancellor Davis confirmed that a 13-year-old individual is eligible for the foster youth fee waiver after being in foster care for as little as one day.

4. Approved-Handbook Revision, Foster Youth Fee Waiver – (continued)

Motion carried.

5. Approved-Handbook Revision, Residency Requirements – The Committee recommended approval of a revision to Title 4, Chapter 15, Section 4 whereby a student who has Temporary Protected Status (TPS) is eligible for residency for tuition purposes, providing they meet all other requirements, including but not limited to residing in the state for at least 12 months as outlined in Title 4, Chapter 15, Section 4. The TPS designation is an immigration status provided to nationals of specifically designated countries that are confronting an ongoing armed conflict, environmental disaster, or extraordinary and temporary conditions. (Ref. ARSA-5 on file in the Board Office)

Acting Vice Chancellor Davis provided a brief overview of the proposal.

Vice Chair McAdoo moved approval of the policy proposal. Regent Arrascada seconded.

In response to a question from Regent Arrascada regarding student enrollment for the program, Acting Vice Chancellor Davis stated she did not have the enrollment numbers available at this time and those numbers may be difficult to determine currently as they could be a moving target; however, she offered to inquire with campuses to see if such numbers are available. Regent Arrascada indicated that would not be necessary.

Motion carried.

6. Approved-Handbook Revision, Fees and Expenses – The Committee recommended approval of a revision to Title 4, Chapter 17, Section 21 which resolves a discrepancy between the *Handbook's* defined credit limit threshold for participation in a student association and the fee structure provided for in the *Procedures and Guidelines Manual*, Chapter 7. Accordingly, this revision eliminates the defined credit threshold for a student to be a recognized member of their respective student government association, ensuring all enrolled students the opportunity to participate. (Ref. ARSA-6 on file in the Board Office)

Acting Vice Chancellor Davis provided a brief overview of the proposal.

Regent Arrascada moved approval of the policy proposal. Regent Perkins seconded.

Chair Geddes stated he believes the credit limit threshold should remain in place and said he would not support the motion.

Motion carried. Chair Geddes voted no.

Chair Geddes and Regent Arrascada discussed some past incidents of when the credit limit was abused and why the threshold was put in place.

7. Information Only-2020-21 NSHE Sponsored Funding Annual Report – Marcie Jackson, Director of Nevada System Sponsored Programs and EPSCoR, presented highlights from the *2020-21 NSHE Sponsored Funding Annual Report*. The report included information on sponsored programs awards and expenditures for all NSHE institutions. (Refs. ARSA-7a and ARSA-7b on file in the Board Office)

Director Jackson provided a report which included: how the Sponsored Program Funding supports the NSHE Strategic Goals; FY 2017 – 2021 total awarded; Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES), Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF), and COVID-specific Funding – \$287.2M for NSHE institutions; funding distribution of NSHE for 2020 – 2021; totals awarded, for FY 2017 – 2021, to UNLV, UNR, DRI, NSC, CSN, GBC, TMCC and WNC; intra-System collaborations FY 2021; proposals submitted and received FY 2021; distribution of state special projects matching funds FY 2021; and the 2020 – 2021 Sponsored Funding Annual Report.

Vice Chair McAdoo shared her appreciation for the report and commended the intra-System collaboration (slide 14).

8. Information Only-National Science Foundation, NSHE Track-1 – Nevada is an eligible EPSCoR jurisdiction for the Research Infrastructure Improvement (RII) Track-1 program. Through this program, the National Science Foundation facilitates the establishment of partnerships among academic institutions and organizations in governmental, non-profit, and commercial or industrial sectors that are designed to affect sustainable improvements in a jurisdiction's research infrastructure, Research and Development (R&D) capacity, and hence, its R&D competitiveness. Under the leadership of NSHE EPSCoR Project Director Fred Harris, NSHE's research institutions (UNLV, UNR, and DRI) applied for this five-year \$20 million grant. Project Director Harris provided a presentation on this potential NSHE project and how it would support the state's research infrastructure. (Ref. ARSA-8 on file in the Board Office)

Project Director Harris provided a report which included: the NSF Track 1 Proposal overview and Harnessing the Data Revolution for Fire Science (HDRFS): purpose, structure and interaction, management structure, team members – new hires and three postdoctoral researchers, experiments, capacity goals (ECO, HYDRO, FP, FEAA, CI, E-WFD, and the NSF Review Panel Summary Statement.

Vice Chair McAdoo thanked Project Director Harris for the report and commented on the importance of addressing the wildland fires in Nevada.

9. Information Only-Research University Carnegie Classification and Metrics – UNLV Vice President for Research Edmund Synakowski and UNR Vice President for Research and Innovation Mridul Gautam presented information on the classification of their respective institutions as Research Universities/Very High Research Activity by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The presentation included metrics for doctoral student enrollment, research doctorates, postdoctoral support, and research expenditures. (Ref. ARSA-9 on file in the Board Office)

9. Information Only-Research University Carnegie Classification and Metrics – (continued)

Chair Geddes provided an opening statement for the item which included how the two NSHE universities achieved the R1 status and the value of R1.

Vice President Gautam, UNR, and Vice President Synakowski, UNLV, provided a report which included: the Carnegie Classification System; the timeframe for Carnegie Classification; benchmark of research intensity and excellence; how investment has been essential in elevating UNR and UNLV to R1 classification; national directions, complex times; the research and education ecosystem; enrollment data for PhD, research doctorates and postdoc students, along with metrics for non-faculty researchers, research expenditures, high impact research conducted by UNLV and UNR, and leveraging state investment in research universities through impact.

10. Information Only-New Business – Regent Arrascada requested the following: 1) Review student enrollment engaging in student government, specifically with the Nevada Student Alliance (as a follow-up to agenda item 6); and 2) an update on the successes of the National Science Foundation and the NSHE Track-1.

Chair Geddes requested staff review and make the necessary revisions to the *Handbook* provisions for residency determination, Title 4, Chapter 15.

11. Information Only-Public Comment – None.

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

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Approved by the Board of Regents at its September 8-9, 2022, meeting.