

Minutes approved by the Board of Regents at the September 5-6, 2024, meeting.

**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 Ballroom A
87 West Stadium Way, Reno
Thursday, June 6, 2024

Members Present: Mrs. Carol Del Carlo, Chair
Ms. Laura E. Perkins, Vice Chair
Ms. Heather Brown
Dr. Michele Cruz-Crawford
Mr. Donald Sylvantee McMichael Sr.

Others Present: Dr. Daniel Archer, Vice Chancellor for Academic & Student Affairs
Ms. Terina Caserto, Senior Analyst for Academic & Student Affairs
Ms. Renée Davis, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic & Student Affairs
Ms. Marcie Jackson, Director of Nevada System Sponsored Programs and EPSCoR
Mr. José Quiroga, Research Analyst
Ms. Joyce M. Helens, GBC President

CSN Faculty Senate Chair Patrick Villa was in attendance.

Chair Carol Del Carlo called the meeting to order at 12:25 p.m. with all members present.

1. Information Only-Public Comment – None.
2. Approved-Consent Items – The Committee recommended approval of the following consent items:
 - (2a.) Approved-Minutes – The Committee recommended approval of the minutes from the February 29, 2024, meeting. *(Ref. ARSA-2a on file in the Board office)*
 - 2b. Approved-Handbook Revision, Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship – The Committee recommended approval of a revision to Title 4, Chapter 18, Section 9, Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship, to align existing Board policy with State law enacted by Assembly Bill 443 (Chapter 451, *Statutes of Nevada 2023*). *(Ref. ARSA-2b on file in the Board office)*

2. Approved-Consent Items – (Continued)

(2c.) Approved-Handbook Revision, Nevada Promise Scholarship Policy and Procedure – The Committee recommended approval of a revision to Title 4, Chapter 18, Section 11, Nevada Promise Scholarship Policy and Procedures, to reflect the correct NPS data reporting procedure. *(Ref. ARSA-2c on file in the Board office)*

(2d.) Approved-UNLV – Program Deactivation, Post Professional Doctor in Occupational Therapy – The Committee recommended approval of the deactivation of the Post Professional Doctor in Occupational Therapy due to unsustainable levels of enrollment over the last four years. There is potential that market saturation has been reached as the profession moves toward a single-entry level doctoral degree, Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD), in 2025. UNLV will re-evaluate the need for the program over the next three years. *(Ref. ARSA-2d on file in the Board office)*

Regent Cruz-Crawford moved approval of the consent items. Regent Brown seconded. Motion carried.

3. Approved-UNLV – Program Proposal, PHD Counselor Education and Supervision – The Committee recommended approval of a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Counselor Education and Supervision. The Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision is designed to bridge the gap in mental health workforce development in the state of Nevada. Student learning outcomes are aligned with the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) standards. Graduates will be prepared to work as counselor educators, supervisors, researchers, and practitioners in academic and clinical settings. *(Ref. ARSA-3 on file in the Board office)*

Dr. Chris Heavey, UNLV Executive Vice President and Provost, provided a brief overview of the proposal.

Regent McMichael moved approval of a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Counselor Education and Supervision at UNLV. Regent Brown seconded.

Regent Cruz-Crawford and Dr. Heavey spoke of the shortage of counselors in the K12 space and the number of hours that counselors need to be licensed, which is often separate from a counselor's workday. Regent Cruz-Crawford suggested UNLV consider counting the hours counselors earn in their current job toward the hours needed to complete their degree.

Motion carried.

4. Approved-UNLV – Program Proposal, BS Neuroscience – The Committee recommended approval of a Bachelor of Science (BS) in Neuroscience. The BS in Neuroscience will provide a broad and balanced treatment of neuroscience curriculum with courses from psychology, biology, chemistry, and other sciences. The curriculum is designed to meet the needs of students seeking an undergraduate degree and those intending to enter advanced training in graduate or professional schools. *(Ref. ARSA-4 on file in the Board office)*

Dr. Heavey provided a brief overview of the proposal.

Regent Brown complimented UNLV on the Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision, and the BS in Neuroscience programs proposed by UNLV, as both are great examples of the academia and business components of the institution growing at the same time.

Regent McMichael moved approval of a Bachelor of Science (BS) in Neuroscience at UNLV. Regent Brown seconded.

Chair Del Carlo commented the BS in Neuroscience is a great degree program that is beneficial to the NSHE, as it grows the medical schools.

Motion carried.

5. Approved-NSU – Program Proposal, BA Special Education – The Committee recommended approval of a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Special Education. The BA in Special Education will prepare special education teachers to work in Nevada schools. Upon graduation, candidates will meet the coursework requirement for the Nevada Department of Education teacher licensure in the area of Special Education Generalist. Additionally, the program will lead to endorsements in English Language Acquisition and Development (ELAD) and Autism. *(Ref. ARSA-5 on file in the Board office)*

Dr. Sarah Frey, NSU Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, provided a brief overview of the proposal.

Regent Cruz-Crawford and Dr. Frey discussed the program proposal is a repackaging of the current coursework offered by NSU and that it is a start to create pathways to other areas of need for students such as functional life skills, severely emotional challenges and so forth.

Regent Brown moved approval of a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Special Education at NSU. Regent McMichael seconded.

Chair Del Carlo said this is a perfect program to add to the NSU catalog and aligns with the institution's mission.

Motion carried.

6. Approved-CSN – Program Proposal, BAS Land Surveying and Geomatics – The Committee recommended approval of a Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Land Surveying and Geomatics. The BAS in Land Surveying and Geomatics is designed to instill abilities and competence that focus on furthering the development of technician (“specialist”) level skills and obtaining the Professional Land Surveyor license including communication, decision-making, industry experience, the transportation, mining, and housing development survey, and small project management with hands-on experience. *(Ref. ARSA-6 on file in the Board office)*

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

Regent McMichael moved approval of a Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Land Surveying and Geomatics. Vice Chair Perkins seconded.

Regent Brown shared her appreciation for the program proposal and commented on the benefits of such a program strengthening Nevada’s workforce.

Regent Cruz-Crawford shared the importance of quality land surveying as it relates to public safety.

Vice Chair Perkins shared some of her professional background related to land surveying and commended CSN for working with community partners to design the program.

Dr. McCoy thanked the Committee for acknowledging the importance of the program’s work and how it is a pathway that leads directly to the workforce.

Motion carried.

7. Approved-Handbook Revision, Nevada Regents’ Researcher Awards – The Committee recommended approval of a revision to Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 18, to include the addition of a Regents’ Researcher Award for recognition of achievement in research in humanities and social science fields. The NSHE Research Affairs Council proposes the revision to provide an opportunity for dedicated researchers in these disciplines to be acknowledged for work that may have been historically underrecognized. *(Ref. ARSA-7 on file in the Board office)*

Dr. Daniel Archer, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, provided a brief overview of the proposed policy revision.

Regent Brown commented that it is important to recognize the research being conducted in the humanities and social sciences fields at the NSHE institutions.

7. Approved-Handbook Revision, Nevada Regents' Researcher Awards – (continued)

Regent Brown moved approval of the policy revision as presented. Regent McMichael seconded. Motion carried.

8. Information Only-2022-23 Sponsored Funding Annual Report – Director of Nevada System Sponsored Programs and EPSCoR, Marcie Jackson presented highlights from the *2022-23 NSHE Sponsored Funding Annual Report*. The report included information on sponsored programs, and awards and expenditures for all NSHE institutions. (Refs. ARSA-8a and ARSA-8b on file in the Board office)

Director Jackson provided highlights of the funding report which included: how Sponsored Program Funding supports the NSHE Strategic Goals; FY 2019-2023 total rewards; COVID-19 response funding for FY 2023; funding distribution of NSHE 2022-2023 awards; FY 2019-2023 total awards for UNLV, UNR, DRI, NSU, CSN, GBC, TMCC, and WNC; intra-system collaborations FY 2023; proposals submitted and received FY 2023; distribution of State program matching funds FY 2023; and *2022-2023 Sponsored Programs Annual Report*: FY 2023 \$448.1 million received in new awards and COVID-19 pandemic response/recovery funding FY 2023 \$24.8 million.

In response to an inquiry from Regent Cruz-Crawford, Director Jackson clarified that in FY 2023 UNLV received funding and gave UNR seven subawards totaling \$813,000.

Regent Brown and Director Jackson discussed how the data shows the NSHE institutions are awarded approximately 50 percent of funding that is applied for annually (federal, state and foundations) and how proposal submission leads vary by institution.

Chair Del Carlo and Director Jackson discussed funding for the EPSCoR office and how it is a combination of federal and state resources.

9. Information Only-New Business – Regent Brown requested staff explore commercial products for strategic decision-making which could assist the Board with making informed decisions regarding aligning educational offerings with labor market demands.

10. Information Only-Public Comment – None.

The meeting adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

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