

Minutes approved by the Board of Regents at the March 6-7, 2025, meeting.

**BOARD OF REGENTS and its
HEALTH SCIENCES SYSTEM COMMITTEE
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

Western Nevada College
Aspen Building, Carson Nugget Hall
2201 West College Parkway, Carson City
Thursday, September 5, 2024

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: Ms. Stephanie Goodman, Chair
Mrs. Carol Del Carlo, Vice Chair
Mrs. Susan Brager
Ms. Laura E. Perkins
Dr. Lois Tarkanian

Other Regents Present Mrs. Amy J. Carvalho, Board Chair
Mr. Joseph C. Arrascada
Dr. Michele Cruz-Crawford

Others Present: Ms. Keri D. Nikolajewski, Chief of Staff to the Board of Regents
Dr. Daniel Archer, Vice Chancellor for Academic & Student Affairs
Ms. Terina Caserto, Director of Policy
Ms. Renée Davis, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic &
Student Affairs
Ms. Carrie P. Parker, Deputy General Counsel
Dr. Willim Kibler, CSN Acting President
Dr. Kumud Acharya, DRI President
Dr. Amber Donnelly, GBC Interim President
Dr. DeRionne P. Pollard, NSU President
Dr. Keith E. Whitfield, UNLV President
Mr. Brian Sandoval, UNR President

Faculty senate chairs in attendance: Ms. Valerie Connor, CSN; Dr. David Cooper, NSU; and Dr. Deborah Arteaga, UNLV. UNR-GSA President Tania Akter was also in attendance.

Chair Stephanie Goodman called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. with all members present except for Regent Tarkanian. Chair Goodman provided the Land Acknowledgement.

1. Information Only-Public Comment – None.

2. Approved-Minutes – The Committee recommended approval of the minutes from the February 29, 2024, meeting. *(Ref. HSS-2 on file in the Board Office)*

Regent Brager moved approval of the minutes from the February 29, 2024, meeting. Vice Chair Del Carlo seconded. Motion carried. Regent Tarkanian was absent.

3. Information Only-Chair’s Report – Chair Stephanie Goodman discussed focusing the Committee’s efforts to accomplish work that will have a positive effect on Nevada overall by creating clear pathways forward for NSHE health sciences program graduates.

4. Information Only-Nursing Programs: Nevada State University and Great Basin College – Nevada State University Dean of Nursing Dr. June Eastridge and Great Basin College Dean of Health Sciences and Human Services Dr. Staci Warnert presented information on their respective institution’s nursing program. The presentations included an overall summary, program metrics, and innovative approaches currently underway utilizing grant funding provided through Senate Bill 375 of the 2023 Session of the Nevada Legislature. *(Refs. HSS-4a and HSS-4b on file in the Board Office)*

Dr. Eastridge provided a report on NSU’s School of Nursing which included: a program summary: BS Nursing – pre-licensure and post-licensure (RN to BSN), 293 graduates in 2023 and 706 combined average enrollment each semester in academic year 2023-2024; 1994-2023 national entry-level BSN program enrollment trends; 2011-2023 NSU School of Nursing pre-licensure enrollment; nursing curriculum; capacity building utilizing the SB 375 funding in relation to operations, personnel, outcomes and innovation; current initiatives regarding federal grants and nurse faculty recruitment; competency-based education and 2021 AACN essentials; and MSN leadership and continuing to building capacity.

Chair Goodman complimented Dr. Eastridge on the flexibility of NSU’s nursing program and how students are taught to have a “people-focus” mentality when treating patients.

Regent Brager and Dr. Eastridge discussed how the NSU nursing program competes with nursing programs offered by private organizations. Dr. Eastridge stated she will send additional information to Regent Brager on the matter.

Vice Chair Del Carlo thought it was incredible that NSU’s nursing program has five different accreditations. She and Dr. Eastridge discussed how all nursing curriculum is anchored in Unitary Caring Science which focuses on faculty being well-versed in sharing with students how to approach care with a holistic view of patients.

4. Information Only-Nursing Programs: Nevada State University and Great Basin College –

Regent Tarkanian joined the meeting.

Dr. Warnert provided a report on GBC's nursing program which included: serving rural Nevada (Elko, Ely, Pahrump and Winnemucca); 2022-2024 total enrollment for AAS nursing (synchronized distance learning); the RN-BSN program is fully online with a focus o leadership to transform healthcare for rural and underserved populations; 2022-2024 admissions for AAS Nursing and RN-BSN programs; AAS Nursing outcomes: 100 percent NCLEX pass rate, 94 percent job placement rate, 80 percent of employed GBC graduates are employed in rural Nevada and 90 percent in the state of Nevada; utilizing the SB 375 funding in relation to the addition of faculty, staff and equipment; increasing the rural nursing workforce with CNA courses and enrollment, student program support goals and student opportunities; Paramedic/LPN to nursing pathway; and looking to the future: gradual growth overtime in enrollment and graduation of nurses, continual impact in rural Nevada communities, and retainment of faculty and support staff for the nursing program.

Chair Goodman commended GBC for its 80 percent of graduates serving the rural areas of Nevada and complimented the Paramedic/LPN to Nursing Pathway plan.

At the request of Vice Chair Del Carlo, Dr. Warnert provided her educational and professional background, including the 11 years she has served as nursing faculty at GBC. Vice Chair Del Carlo and Dr. Warnert discussed the NCLEX national pass rate which is 79 percent.

5. Information Only-Prevalence of Sports Betting among College Students – UNLV Project Manager for the Nevada Problem Gaming Project Andrea Dassopoulos provided a brief presentation on the prevalence of sports betting among college students. This broad-based research is the first of two presentations, as there is a Nevada prevalence study that will begin during the 2024-2025 school year. (*Ref. HSS-5 on file in the Board Office*)

Ms. Dassopoulos provided a report which included: the expansion of sports betting across the US and how college students are at higher risk for developing gambling problems; data from the *2023 NCAA Survey* on problem gambling and college students, and the pervasiveness of college betting; Nevada students' unique relationship with gambling compared to other states; and the launch of the Nevada Prevalence Study in the 2024-2025 academic year.

Regent Brager shared some ideas on how to make resources for gambling addiction more accessible to students on campus.

Vice Chair Del Carlo and Ms. Dassopoulos discussed cognitive distortions and the cycle of addiction for individuals with gambling disorders.

5. Information Only-Prevalence of Sports Betting among College Students –

Chair Goodman added there is currently a state campaign to provide information and assistance at various education institutions and health centers for those with gambling addiction. More information on the campaign will be forthcoming.

6. Information Only-New Business – None.

7. Information Only-Public Comment – None.

The meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

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