

Minutes approved by the Board of Regents at the September 11-12, 2025, 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 12, 2025

Members Present: Mrs. Carol Del Carlo, Chair
Mr. Joseph C. Arrascada, Vice Chair
Mr. Aaron Bautista
Ms. Heather Brown
Mr. Carlos D. Fernandez

Others Present: 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. Marcie Jackson, Director of Nevada System Sponsored Programs and EPSCoR
Mr. Chris Nielsen, Special Counsel to the Board of Regents
Ms. Carrie L. Parker, Deputy General Counsel
Dr. Marcia Turner, Associate Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences
Dr. J. Kyle Dalpe, WNC President
Dr. Jeffrey Alexander, TMCC Vice President of Academic Affairs

Faculty senate chairs in attendance: Dr. Valerie Connor, CSN; and Dr. Jinger Doe, TMCC.

Chair Carol Del Carlo called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. with all members present except Vice Chair Arrascada and Regent Bautista. Chair Del Carlo provided the Land Acknowledgement.

Regent Bautista entered the meeting.

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 March 6, 2025, meeting. (*Ref. ARSA-2a on file in the Board Office*)

2. Approved-Consent Items – (Continued)

- (2b.) Approved-UNLV – Program Deactivation, M.A. Communication Studies – The Committee recommended approval of the deactivation of the Master of Arts (M.A.) in Communication Studies due to low enrollment. The program will be assessed to determine if it fits better with the College of Urban Affairs' mission of local community engagement in hopes to rebuild the program to be compatible with the needs of the Las Vegas business community and the study of communication. *(Ref. ARSA-2b on file in the Board Office)*

Regent Brown moved approval of the consent items.
Regent Fernandez seconded. Motion carried. Vice
Chair Arrascada was absent.

Vice Chair Arrascada entered the meeting.

3. Approved-UNLV – Program Proposal, B.A. Audio Production – The Committee recommended approval of a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Audio Production designed to give students the opportunity to pursue careers in audio production in the areas of music production, film sound, and live audio. By utilizing existing courses within the areas of film, entertainment engineering design, theatre, and music, students will be able to gain knowledge and skills in a variety of areas that will make them attractive candidates for local job openings. *(Ref. ARSA-3 on file in the Board Office)*

Dr. Kate Hausbeck Korgan, Officer in Charge of the UNLV Executive Vice President and Provost's Office, provided a brief overview of the proposal.

Vice Chair Arrascada and Dr. Korgan discussed the low estimate for the full-time enrollment (FTE) numbers and how the program will also attract dual major students.

Chair Del Carlo and Dr. Korgan discussed outreach efforts for the program which includes UNLV recruiters at performing arts schools, high schools with strong theater and music programs, and STEM high schools. UNLV also has an early outreach team which works with students in elementary and middle school. Chair Del Carlo mentioned that the Clark County schools also have robust mariachi programs and the UNLV team could also include that group in their outreach.

Regent Fernandez added that a lot of the public libraries have audio rooms and he views that as a strong pipeline for potential students who are using those spaces to create their own music. Dr. Korgan mentioned that UNLV just added a new podcasting studio in building MAB2.

Regent Brown moved approval of a Bachelor of Arts
(B.A.) in Audio Production at UNLV. Regent
Fernandez seconded. Motion carried.

4. Approved-UNLV – Program Proposal, B.S.B.A. Insurance and Risk Management – The Committee recommended approval of a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (B.S.B.A.) in Insurance and Risk Management that will prepare students to understand the insurance and risk management implications in virtually all business decisions. When established in 2023, a goal of the Kerestesi Center for Insurance and Risk Management was to develop a major to complement the Center. A portion of the endowed financial support of the Center is dedicated to students in the insurance major and minor. (*Ref. ARSA-4 on file in the Board Office*)

Dr. Korgan provided a brief overview of the proposal. Mr. Greg McKinley, UNLV Foundation Trustee, spoke in support of the program and provided some background information on the program's creation and funding.

Regent Fernandez shared his appreciation and excitement for the effort and intention in creating the program and looks forward to its success.

Regent Brown shared her belief that the program will fill gaps in the future, as it will provide opportunities for students to be a part of fundamental businesses that are woven into the fabric of southern Nevada's community.

Chair Del Carlo and Mr. McKinley discussed how the program will help UNLV grow its enrollment among the many other benefits to students and Nevada overall. They also discussed how the program will assist with wildfire risk management and UNLV potentially collaborating with DRI on the issue.

Vice Chair Arrascada and Dr. Korgan discussed the low FTE projection in the first fall semester and how student interest and scholarship opportunities will most likely increase that number. Vice Chair Arrascada also commented on the minor that UNR has in the same program and hopes that it could easily transfer to the major offered at UNLV.

Regent Brown moved approval of a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (B.S.B.A.) in Insurance and Risk Management at UNLV. Regent Bautista seconded. Motion carried.

5. Approved-UNR – Organizational Unit Proposal, Nevada Center for Patient Safety and Simulation – The Committee recommended approval of establishing the Nevada Center for Patient Safety and Simulation (NCPSS) that leverages the simulation training and research expertise in the state's medical, nursing, and public health schools. The NCPSS will take a non-partisan, unbiased and collaborative approach to working with both rural and urban hospitals to improve individual and collective health outcomes impacted by patient safety. (*Ref. ARSA-5 on file in the Board Office*)

Dr. Paul Hauptman, UNR Med Dean, provided a brief overview of the proposal.

Vice Chair Arrascada asked for more information about the training center logistics.

5. Approved-UNR – Organizational Unit Proposal, Nevada Center for Patient Safety and Simulation – (continued)

Dr. Hauptman answered the plan at present is the UNR and UNLV medical school teams will go to the rural sites which will not only engender good will, but it is more practical to run the simulations on the site where the actual care will occur. Dr. Hauptman confirmed that although it depends on the programming, training should be an all-day exercise at each location and the idea is that UNR Med will take the northern tier and the UNLV medical school will take the southern tier of rural and critical care access hospitals. The medical schools are proposing two mobile units.

Chair Del Carlo commended the collaboration between the UNR and UNLV medical schools. She further commented on the importance of the program being that Nevada has two major urban centers, and the rest of the state is rural with those citizens having extremely limited access to healthcare.

Regent Brown moved approval of establishing the Nevada Center for Patient Safety and Simulation (NCPSS). Vice Chair Arrascada seconded. Motion carried.

6. Withdrawn-Handbook Revision, Credit for Prior Learning – This item was withdrawn from the agenda and will be considered at the June 25, 2025, meeting of the Workforce Committee.

7. Approved-Handbook Revision, Dual Credit – The Committee recommended approval of revisions to Board policy (*Title 4, Chapter 16, Section 2*) directing the Chancellor's Office to develop criteria and procedures for the establishment, maintenance, and promotion of quality dual credit programs including, but not limited to, reflecting national standards and best practices of dual enrollment, concurrent enrollment, and early enrollment programs. In addition, Vice Chancellor Archer provided an update regarding Align and Shine Nevada. (*Refs. ARSA-7a and ARSA-7b 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.

Vice Chair Arrascada and Vice Chancellor Archer discussed how the predictive pricing model is already preset regarding the fees for dual credit and how the concurrent enrollment pricing model will stay in place.

Regent Brown shared her support for the proposed *Handbook* revision and discussed the faculty qualifications as required by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. She believes the policy revision is not only an opportunity to set standards for consistency and the expansion of access to concurrent and dual enrollment in new schools, but it will also address mission differentiation. Regent Brown stated she did not believe concurrent and dual enrollment students should be counted in overall enrollment rates. Vice Chancellor Archer said he has reached out to the institutions for data points on

7. Approved-Handbook Revision, Dual Credit – (continued)

matriculation of concurrent and dual enrollment students and is working on a report to provide to the Board.

Chair Del Carlo and Vice Chancellor Archer discussed the concurrent enrollment standards and how Nevada is one of 17 states that base its policy on National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships standards. Vice Chancellor Archer added that primarily within the 17 states, the policy is set at the board level.

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

8. Information Only-2023-24 Sponsored Funding Annual Report – Director of Nevada System Sponsored Programs and EPSCoR Marcie Jackson presented highlights from the 2023-24 NSHE Sponsored Funding Annual Report. The report included information on sponsored programs, awards and expenditures for all NSHE institutions. (Refs. ARSA-8a and ARSA-8b on file in the Board Office)

Ms. Jackson provided a report which included: how the Sponsored Program Funding supports the NSHE Strategic Plan; FY 2019 – FY 2024 total awards; COVID-19 pandemic response funding, FY 2024; funding distribution of NSHE 2023-2024 awards for the 8 NSHE institutions; intra-system collaborations, FY 2024; proposals submitted and received, FY 2024; distribution of state program matching funds, FY 2024; and the 2023-2024 Sponsored Program Annual Report.

Vice Chair Arrascada and Regent Brown acknowledged the institutions' collaboration on grants and were impressed with the number of proposals submitted and received by the institutions.

Chair Del Carlo and Ms. Jackson discussed the effects on funding in the current political climate. Ms. Jackson reported that 58 awards totaling approximately \$55 million Systemwide have received cancellation notices and the loss to the System is about \$34 million. The three major federal agencies that sent cancellation notices are USAID, NIH and NSF. Ms. Jackson added that at this point the federal funding is in flux so there is a lot of uncertainty about what may take place over the next few months.

9. Postponed-2025 NSHE Science and Technology Plan –This agenda item was deferred to the September 2025 meeting of the Academic, Research and Student Affairs Committee.

10. Information Only-New Business – None.

11. Information Only-Public Comment – Dr. Kent Ervin commented on the withdrawal of federal funds that were already awarded to the NSHE institutions. He said it was very alarming that committed funds are being withdrawn by the federal government and hopes

11. Information Only-Public Comment – *(continued)*

the NSHE and the institutions will take all avenues of redress, including legal action where appropriate.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

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