

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

Cedar Building, Marlette Hall
Western Nevada College, Carson City
2201 West College Parkway, Carson City
Thursday, September 5, 2019

- Members Present: Mrs. Cathy McAdoo, Chair
Dr. Patrick R. Carter
Mr. Sam Lieberman
Ms. Laura E. Perkins
- Members Absent: Mr. Rick Trachok, Vice Chair
- Other Regents Present: Dr. Mark W. Doubrava, Vice Chairman
- Others Present: Ms. Crystal Abba, Vice Chancellor, Academic & Student Affairs
Mr. Zelalem Bogale, Deputy General Counsel
Ms. Terina Caserto, Senior Analyst, Academic & Student Affairs
Ms. Renee Davis, Assistant Vice Chancellor and
Director of Student Affairs
Ms. Joi Holliday, Senior Policy Analyst
Mr. James Martines, Deputy General Counsel for Real Estate
Mr. Theo Meek, Research Scholar
Dr. Kumud Acharya, President, DRI
Ms. Joyce M. Helens, President, GBC

Faculty senate chairs in attendance were: Dr. Arnold Bell, CSN; Dr. Amanda Keen-Zebert, DRI; Mr. George Kleeb, GBC; Ms. Anne Flesher, TMCC; and Dr. Robert Morin, WNC. Student body presidents in attendance were: Mr. Daniel Gutierrez, CSN; Ms. Hannah Patenaude, UNLV-CSUN; Ms. Stephanie Molina, UNLV-GPSA; and Ms. Tamara Guinn, UNR-GSA.

For others present, please see the attendance roster on file in the Board office.

Chair Cathy McAdoo called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. with all members present except for Vice Chair Trachok and Regent Lieberman.

1. Information Only-Public Comment – None.
2. Approved-Consent Items – A motion was made and seconded by the Committee for approval of the following consent items*:
 - (2a.) Approved-Minutes – The minutes from the June 6, 2019, meeting (*Ref. ARSA-2a on file in the Board Office*).

2. Approved-Consent Items – (continued)

- (2b.) Approved-DRI – Organizational Unit Elimination, Applied Innovation Center – DRI’s request to eliminate its Applied Innovation Center due to the completion of associated projects (*Ref. ARSA-2b on file in the Board Office*).
- (2c.) UNLV – Program Elimination, BA Spanish for the Professions – Approval of UNLV’s request to eliminate its Bachelor of Arts in Spanish for the Professions due to low enrollment (*Ref. ARSA-2c on file in the Board Office*).

Regent Carter moved approval of the consent items. Regent Perkins seconded.
*The minutes do not reflect that a vote was taken. The Board of Regents approved this motion through the approval of the Academic, Research and Student Affairs Committee Chair’s Report on September 6, 2019. Vice Chair Trachok and Regent Lieberman were absent.

Regent Lieberman entered the meeting.

3. Approved-CSN – Program Proposal, BAS Environmental Management – The Committee recommended approval of CSN’s request for a Bachelor of Applied Science in Environmental Management that is designed to further technician level credentials, including the Associate of Applied Science in Environmental Management, to a workforce development degree. The program will produce trained environmental specialists that can enter the workforce in either the private or government sectors, filling vacant and needed positions in Nevada and the surrounding region (*Ref. ARSA-3 on file in the Board Office*).

Dr. Margo Martin, Vice President of Academic Affairs, CSN, provided a brief overview of the proposal.

Regent Perkins asked how many students are currently in the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) program for Environmental Management. Dr. Douglas Sims, Dean, Department of Physical Science, CSN, answered that the AAS program for Environmental Management was recently launched. He said there are 100 students interested and 20 registered students in the program. Dean Sims confirmed that there is a 20-student limit for the BAS program.

Regent Lieberman moved approval of a Bachelor of Applied Science in Environmental Management at CSN. Regent Carter seconded. Motion carried. Vice Chair Trachok was absent.

4. Approved-GBC – Program Proposal, BS Comprehensive Medical Imaging – The Committee recommended approval of GBC’s request for a Bachelor of Science in Comprehensive Medical Imaging that is designed to combine didactic education and lab experience to prepare students for entry level medical imaging positions. The program will assist in fulfilling a need for specialized healthcare workers in Northern Nevada and will support medical imaging and healthcare services in the surrounding area (*Ref. ARSA-4 on file in the Board Office*).

Mr. Jake Hinton-Rivera, Vice President of Student and Academic Affairs, GBC, provided a brief overview of the proposal.

Regent Carter asked for clarification on why the Comprehensive Medical Imaging degree is proposed as a Bachelor of Science degree as opposed to a Bachelor of Applied Science degree. Mr. Hinton-Rivera answered one thing GBC discovered is that for students who are transferring from other institutions and who are not looking for bachelor-level programs, many of those students are coming from programs that are already associative science degree programs. The purpose for the BS in Comprehensive Medical Imaging is to ensure the pathways are the most convenient and easiest for GBC transfer students in this specific field.

Regent Lieberman moved approval of a Bachelor of Science in Comprehensive Medical Imaging at GBC. Regent Carter seconded. Motion carried. Vice Chair Trachok was absent.

5. Approved-NSC – Program Proposal, BS Human Health Sciences – The Committee recommended approval of NSC’s request for a Bachelor of Science in Human Health Sciences that is designed to provide knowledge and skills in healthcare while cultivating the professional attributes expected by employers. The program builds foundations in critical thinking, problem-solving, leadership, information literacy, and management (*Ref. ARSA-5 on file in the Board Office*).

Dr. Vickie Shields, Provost and Executive Vice President, NSC, provided a brief overview of the proposal.

Regent Carter asked how the difference between the BS in Nursing and the BS in Human Health Sciences is explained to students during the advising process. Dr. Shields answered that students eligible for the BS in Human Health Sciences declare pre-Nursing and in the past, there are core credits that must be taken as a pre-Nursing student that only lead to a Nursing degree. For both degree options, the students will be in the correct sequence of courses to either gain entrance into the Nursing program or the BS in Human Health Sciences program.

Regent Carter followed up by asking if the difference in outcomes is explained to students regarding the Nursing degree versus the Human Health Sciences degree, and what the career opportunities may be. Dr. Shields said the students are advised from the very beginning what the opportunities would be with each degree. It is a goal of NSC to provide broad-based options to students studying

5. Approved-NSC – Program Proposal, BS Human Health Sciences – (continued)

health sciences. Dr. Shields added that the students are made aware that there are very different outcomes between the Human Health Sciences degree and a degree in Nursing.

Chair McAdoo added that she believes the BS in Human Health Sciences can provide students with many avenues in the healthcare industry.

Chair McAdoo moved approval of a Bachelor of Science in Human Health Sciences at NSC. Regent Lieberman seconded. Motion carried. Vice Chair Trachok was absent.

6. Approved-UNLV – Program Proposal, PH.D. Neuroscience – The Committee recommended approval of UNLV's request for a Doctor of Philosophy in Neuroscience that will provide students with a broad knowledge of neuroscience methods, theories, findings, and deep knowledge in at least one specific area of neuroscience. This interdisciplinary program will prepare graduates for post-doctoral research and independent research careers in academic, medical, government, or private industry (*Ref. ARSA-6 on file in the Board Office*).

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

Regent Lieberman moved approval of a Doctor of Philosophy in Neuroscience at UNLV. Regent Carter seconded. Motion carried. Vice Chair Trachok was absent.

7. Approved-UNR – Program Proposal, BA Musical Theatre – The Committee recommended approval of UNR's request for a Bachelor of Arts in Musical Theatre that will provide artistic, cognitive, and somatic skills necessary to enter the field as musical theatre practitioners and scholars. Students will engage in the physical practices of acting, voice, and dance training, while simultaneously developing an understanding of the historical, cultural, and performative evolution of the field (*Ref. ARSA-7 on file in the Board Office*).

Dr. Kevin Carman, Executive Vice President and Provost, UNR, provided a brief overview of the proposal.

Regent Lieberman asked if the BA in Musical Theatre will have a focus on the business aspect of musical theatre. Dr. Carman said the program is primarily focused on performance; however, the degree is intended to be highly interdisciplinary by including business elements, as well. Regent Lieberman noted the importance of integrating business within the BA program as there is a community focus on the business of the arts. Dr. Carman replied he will take the suggestion back to UNR.

7. Approved-UNR – Program Proposal, BA Musical Theatre – (continued)

Regent Lieberman moved approval of a Bachelor of Arts in Musical Theatre at UNR. Chair McAdoo seconded. Motion carried. Vice Chair Trachok was absent.

8. Approved-UNR – Program Proposal, MS Business Analytics – The Committee recommended approval of UNR’s request for a Master of Science in Business Analytics that integrates big data management, quantitative analytical methods, organization decision making, and information communication. The online program is designed to meet the growing need for data science professionals, giving graduates the skills necessary to help organizations harness and understand the power of information (Ref. ARSA-8 on file in the Board Office).

Dr. Carman provided a brief overview of the proposal.

Regent Carter asked for more information on the Pearson aspect of the online program. Dr. Carman answered that all of the programs UNR offers through Pearson are self-supporting programs that do not generate weighted student credit hours. The programs are all based on the tuition that is generated. Pearson receives a percentage of the total tuition revenue which varies slightly with different programs. In exchange for that percentage, Pearson manages the marketing, works with faculty to do conversions of courses to an online format, provides technical support and provides tutoring assistance to students.

Regent Carter asked about Arizona State University and its partnership with Pearson. Dr. Carman answered the online program at Arizona State University has a longer history with Pearson than UNR does. Arizona State University originated its program as a partnership with Pearson which is currently evolving to the University conducting more of the marketing and operations.

Regent Carter moved approval of a Master of Science in Business Analytics at UNR. Regent Lieberman seconded. Motion carried. Vice Chair Trachok was absent.

9. Approved-UNR – Program Proposal, MS Cybersecurity – The Committee recommended approval of UNR’s request for a Master of Science in Cybersecurity that will provide an online integrated course of study covering theory, implementation and design of secure cyberspace. The program will prepare students for cybersecurity professions in every employment sector, including industries such as aerospace and defense, banking, healthcare, information technology, advanced manufacturing, and online gaming (Ref. ARSA-9 on file in the Board Office).

Dr. Carman provided a brief overview of the proposal.

9. Approved-UNR – Program Proposal, MS Cybersecurity – (continued)

Regent Lieberman inquired about the number of potential applicants. Dr. Carman answered that he does not currently have that information; however, the fastest growing program at UNR is in computer science and engineering. He expects there to be many applicants for the MS in Cybersecurity.

Regent Lieberman moved approval of a Master of Science in Cybersecurity at UNR. Regent Perkins seconded. Motion carried. Vice Chair Trachok was absent.

10. Information Only-2017-18 NSHE Financial Aid Report – Assistant Vice Chancellor Renee Davis presented highlights from the 2017-18 NSHE Financial Aid Report, including information on financial aid programs and awards distributed across the System (*Refs. ARSA-10a and ARSA-10b on file in the Board Office*).

The report included total financial aid disbursed by institution, financial aid by category and source; Pell Grant disbursements; loan disbursements; and student financial assistance programs, including the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship, Nevada Grants-in-Aid, Regents' Higher Education Opportunity Award, Regents' Service Program and the Silver State Opportunity Grant.

Chair McAdoo noticed for the Regents' Service Program that NSC had zero students and funding and requested further information. Assistant Vice Chancellor Davis said that the decision to participate in the program is made at the institution-level. She said she will work with NSC to provide additional information to the Committee on that.

Chair McAdoo noted for the record the importance of continuing to discover ways to financially assist students with higher education expenses. She thanked Assistant Vice Chancellor Davis for the report.

Ms. Crystal Abba, Vice Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs, shared that Ms. Sharon Wurm, Executive Director of Financial Aid, TMCC, is retiring and thanked her for her years of service to the NSHE.

11. Information Only-Corequisite Policy Implementation – Vice Chancellor Crystal Abba and Research Scholar Theo Meek presented a report on the status of the work of the NSHE Corequisite Implementation Task Force. The Task Force was created to support NSHE institutions in the implementation of the corequisite and college-ready gateway policy adopted by the Board at its June 6-7, 2019, meeting. Effective Fall 2021, the policy requires corequisite support for students placing below college level in mathematics and/or English (*Ref. ARSA-11 on file in the Board Office*).

The report included a timeline and current progress for the Corequisite Task Force; implementation schedule, including planning and evaluation; and corequisite course development.

12. Approved-Handbook Revision, Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship – The 2019 Session of the Nevada State Legislature passed Senate Bill 453 (Chapter 290, *Statutes of Nevada 2019*), increasing the required semester grade point average during the first year of enrollment from 2.6 to 2.75. The Committee recommended approval of revisions to Board policy (*Title 4, Chapter 18, Section 9*) intended to comply with the amendatory provisions of Senate Bill 453 (*Ref. ARSA-12 on file in the Board Office*).

Vice Chancellor Abba provided a brief overview of the proposed policy.

Regent Lieberman moved approval of the proposed *Handbook* revision. Regent Perkins seconded. Motion carried. Vice Chair Trachok was absent.

13. Approved-Handbook Revision, Fee Waiver for Purple Heart Recipients – The 2019 Session of the Nevada State Legislature passed Assembly Bill 427 (Chapter 320, *Statutes of Nevada 2019*), requiring the waiver of the payment of registration fees and certain other fees assessed against students within the System who are veterans awarded the Purple Heart to the extent that the fees exceed the amount of any other federal education benefits received. The Committee recommended approval of revisions to Board policy (*Title 4, Chapter 17, new Section 14*) intended to comply with the amendatory provisions of Assembly Bill 427 (*Ref. ARSA-13 on file in the Board Office*).

Vice Chancellor Abba provided a brief overview of the proposed policy.

Regent Perkins asked if there is a credit limit in the waiver. Vice Chancellor Abba answered in the Bill and *Handbook* there is no specific limit on the credits; however, it only applies when the student is enrolling in a program leading to a certificate, associate's, bachelor's, master's or professional degree program. If a student is in a BA program, the waiver will not cover beyond the requirements for that BA program.

Regent Perkins moved approval of the proposed *Handbook* revision. Regent Carter seconded. Motion carried. Vice Chair Trachok was absent.

14. Information Only-New Business – None.
15. Information Only-Public Comment – None.

The meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

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Approved by the Board of Regents at its December 5-6, 2019, meeting.