

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

Videoconference/Teleconference
Thursday, September 10, 2020

Members Present: Dr. Jason Geddes, Chair
 Dr. Patrick R. Carter, Vice Chair
 Mrs. Cathy McAdoo
 Ms. Laura E. Perkins
 Mr. Rick Trachok

Other Regents Present: Dr. Mark W. Doubrava, Board Chair
 Mrs. Carol Del Carlo, Board Vice Chair
 Ms. Amy J. Carvalho
 Ms. Lisa C. Levine
 Mr. John T. Moran

Others Present: Dr. Melody Rose, Chancellor
 Ms. Crystal Abba, Vice Chancellor, Academic & Student Affairs
 Mr. Joseph Reynolds, Chief General Counsel
 Ms. Renee Davis, Assistant Vice Chancellor and
 Director of Student Affairs
 Ms. Marcie Jackson, Director, System Sponsored Programs and EPSCoR
 Mr. James R. McCoy, Assistant Vice Chancellor and
 Director of Corequisite Implementation
 Dr. Federico Zaragoza, President, CSN
 Dr. Kumud Acharya, President, DRI
 Mr. Bart J. Patterson, President, NSC
 Dr. Karin M. Hilgersom, President, TMCC
 Dr. Keith E. Whitfield, President, UNLV
 Dr. Marc A. Johnson, President, UNR

Faculty senate chairs in attendance were: Dr. Maria Schellhase, CSN; Mr. Theo Meek, System Administration; Ms. YeVonne Allen, TMCC; Dr. Vicki Rosser, UNLV; and Dr. Amy Pason, UNR. Student body presidents in attendance were: Ms. Alyssa Fromelius, TMCC; and Mr. Will Carrasco, UNR-GSA.

Chair Jason Geddes called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. with all members present except for Vice Chair Carter and Regent Trachok.

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 June 11, 2020, meeting (*Ref. ARSA-2a on file in the Board Office*).
 - (2b.) Approved-UNLV – Program Elimination, BS Urban and Regional Planning – The Committee recommended approval to eliminate the Bachelor of Science in Urban and Regional Planning due to no enrollment in the program (*Ref. ARSA-2b on file in the Board Office*).
 - (2c.) Approved-UNLV – Program Change, BA World Languages and Culture – The Committee recommended approval to consolidate its Bachelor of Arts in French, German, and Roman Languages by establishing an overarching Bachelor of Arts in World Languages and Cultures with separate tracks for the specific languages. The proposed new structure combines specific language and cultural proficiency with a broader focus tied to the overriding idea of the importance of language and cultural study in an age of globalization (*Ref. ARSA-2c on file in the Board Office*).

Regent Perkins moved approval of the consent items. Regent McAdoo seconded. Motion carried. Vice Chair Carter and Regent Trachok were absent.

3. Approved-NSC – Program Proposal, BA and BS Interdisciplinary Data Science – The Committee recommended approval of NSC’s request for a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Data Science. The Bachelor of Arts in Data Science is designed for students that intend to enter the job market immediately upon graduation. The Bachelor of Science in Data Science is suited for students that may be considering a more technical career pathway or graduate school (*Ref. ARSA-3 on file in the Board Office*).

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

Regent Perkins asked if the program is readily transferrable if students choose to pursue a master’s degree. Dr. Shields answered yes and said UNLV will be bringing forward a master’s program for data science and data analysis.

Regent Perkins moved approval of a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Data Science at NSC. Regent McAdoo seconded. Motion carried. Vice Chair Carter and Regent Trachok were absent.

4. Approved-UNR – Program Proposal, BS Psychology (Agenda Item 5) – The Committee recommended approval of UNR’s request for a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. The program will prepare students wishing to pursue careers in medicine, health sciences, social sciences, or other scientific graduate study programs. Graduates of the Psychology BS will have both basic research and applied skills in the study of the mind and behavior (*Ref. ARSA-5 on file in the Board Office*).

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

Regent Perkins shared her appreciation for the information provided on the correlation and continuum among the community colleges.

Regent McAdoo moved approval of a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. Regent Perkins seconded. Motion carried. Vice Chair Carter and Regent Trachok were absent.

5. Approved-UNR – Program Proposal, MS Kinesiology (Agenda Item 6) – The Committee recommended approval of UNR’s request for a Master of Science in Kinesiology. This program will provide a graduate degree with many potential options for careers and can enhance the competitiveness for admission to the professional schools. The MS proposed will fulfill requirements for obtaining professional certification that allows for many options to create and support activity programs in the community (*Ref. ARSA-6 on file in the Board Office*).

Dr. Carman provided a brief overview of the proposal.

Regent McAdoo commented on the necessity of the proposed program, and the importance of advancing more physical therapists and other related professions to strengthen healthcare in Nevada.

Regent McAdoo moved approval of a Master of Science in Kinesiology at UNR. Regent Perkins seconded. Motion carried. Vice Chair Carter and Regent Trachok were absent.

6. Approved-Handbook Revision, Program Enrollment Prohibition (Agenda Item 7) – The Committee recommended approval of a revision to Board policy clarifying that institutions must have Board approval on new programs prior to the acceptance or enrollment of students into a program (*Title 4, Chapter 14, Section 7*). Existing policy provides for the addition of new degrees, programs, and majors. While the policy states that Board approval is required before any new degree, major or program is added, there is no specific limitation that concerns accepting or enrolling students into a program prior to Board approval (*Ref. ARSA-7 on file in the Board Office*).

6. Approved-Handbook Revision, Program Enrollment Prohibition (Agenda Item 7)
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Ms. Crystal Abba, Vice Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs, provided a brief overview of the policy revision.

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

7. Information Only-2018-19 NSHE Financial Aid Report (Agenda Item 8) – Assistant Vice Chancellor Renee Davis presented highlights from the 2018-19 NSHE Financial Aid Report, including data on financial aid programs and awards distributed across the System. In addition, the presentation included general information on the variety of federal aid programs available to support students (*Refs. ARSA-8a and ARSA-8b on file in the Board Office*).

Ms. Renee Davis presented a report which included: the purpose of reporting on financial aid; NSHE total financial aid disbursed (in millions); NSHE total aid disbursed by institution, 2014-15 to 2018-19 (in millions); NSHE financial aid recipients by race/ethnicity and institution, 2018-19; NSHE average annual Pell Grant disbursements (by student); NSHE total loan disbursements – all sources (in millions); Nevada student financial assistance programs, 2018-19 disbursements (dollars in millions); financial aid basics; categories of financial aid; NSHE financial aid by category, 2018-19 (percent distribution); sources of financial aid; NSHE financial aid by source, 2018-19 percent distribution; types of financial aid – need and non-need; cost of attendance; Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA); FAFSA and determining need; sample financial aid offers; and the FAFSA process: overview and requirements.

Vice Chair Carter entered the meeting.

8. Approved-Corequisite Action Plan and Handbook Revision (Agenda Item 9) – The Committee recommended approval of Part I of the action plan developed by the NSHE Corequisite Implementation Task Force charged with supporting institutions in the implementation of the corequisite and gateway policy adopted by the Board at its June 6-7, 2019, meeting. Part I of the action plan includes the elements of implementation that have been agreed upon to date, including certain pathways and placement for English and mathematics, advising strategies, communication and marketing strategies, and an option for credentialing faculty through UNLV. Part II of the action plan will be presented at the December 3, 2020, ARSA meeting and will address the remaining matters of enrollment enforcement for corequisite and gateway courses, a resource analysis for full-scale implementation, and a statewide assessment plan for English and mathematics corequisite courses.

In addition, the Committee recommended approval of a revision to the Board's

8. Approved-Corequisite Action Plan and Handbook Revision (Agenda Item 9) –
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policy on corequisite enrollment (*Title 4, Chapter 16, Section 1*). Specifically, the proposal revises the continuous enrollment provision to allow for enrollment in corequisite and gateway English and mathematics courses within the first two regular academic semesters following initial enrollment. (*Refs. ARSA-9a, ARSA-9b and ARSA-9c on file in the Board Office*).

Mr. James R. McCoy, Assistant Vice Chancellor and Director of Corequisite Implementation, along with representatives from UNLV, TMCC and GBC, presented a report which included: the NSHE Corequisite Implementation Task Force – staying the course through collaboration; the Action Plan Structure – Part One and Two; English and math placement, pathways and assessment for Part One of the Action Plan; faculty training and professional development; academic advising; communication and marketing; and a preview of Part Two of the Action Plan to be presented to the Committee in December.

Chair Geddes commented that establishing consistent math pathways for liberal arts and STEM students alone is a large accomplishment and he believes that creating the same consistent pathways for business and health sciences students will pose a great challenge but is achievable. He added he looks forward to Part Two of the Action Plan presentation.

Mr. McCoy provided a brief overview of the policy revision.

Regent Perkins moved approval of Part I of the Corequisite Action Plan and the proposed *Handbook* revision. Vice Chair Carter seconded. Motion carried. Regent Trachok was absent.

9. Approved-2019 Transfer and Articulation Audit: Report and Recommendations (Agenda Item 10) – The Committee recommended approval of the *2019 Transfer and Articulation Audit Report* and recommendations. The audit reviewed regional transfer agreements between NSHE institutions for compliance with Board policy (*Refs. ARSA-10a and ARSA-10b on file in the Board Office*).

Chair Geddes commented that when he was in student government at UNR, one of the goals in 1989 was to establish better transfer and articulation between UNR, UNLV, TMCC and WNC. He expressed his happiness in seeing a system that works and that has addressed many of the issues.

Vice Chancellor Abba presented a report which included: transfer and articulation definitions; the 2015-16 Audit; the 2018-19 Audit; the 2019-20 Audit; improvement: 2018 versus 2019 Audit; 2019-20 Audit recommendations; and the request for review of Board policy (*Title 4, Chapter 16, Section 14*) that was adopted in March 2018.

9. Approved-2019 Transfer and Articulation Audit: Report and Recommendations (Agenda Item 10) – *(continued)*

Regent Trachok entered the meeting.

Vice Chair Carter moved approval of the report and recommendations from the 2019 Transfer and Articulation Audit. Regent McAdoo seconded. Motion carried.

10. Approved-TMCC – Program Proposal, Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Agenda Item 4) – The Committee recommended approval of TMCC's request for a Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing. The RN-BSN is a professional degree completion program designed for students wishing to continue their nursing education after completion of an associate degree in nursing and will meet the needs of nurses wanting to advance their degrees *(Ref. ARSA-4 on file in the Board Office)*.

Dr. Marie Murgolo, Vice President of Academic Affairs, TMCC, provided a brief overview of the program proposal.

Vice Chair Carter moved approval of a Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing at TMCC. Regent McAdoo seconded.

Regent Trachok said it is important as a System to examine all the institutions to determine which is most suited for these types programs instead of acting in response to crises.

Motion carried.

11. Information Only-2018-19 NSHE Sponsored Funding Report – Marcie Jackson, Director of Nevada System Sponsored Programs and EPSCoR, presented highlights from the *2018-19 NSHE Sponsored Funding Annual Report*. The report included information on sponsored programs awards and expenditures for all NSHE institutions *(Refs. ARSA-11a and ARSA-11b on file in the Board Office)*.

Ms. Jackson provided a report which included: how the Sponsored Program Funding supports the NSHE Strategic Goals; FY 2016-2019 total awarded; funding distribution of NSHE 2018-19; totals awarded at each UNLV, UNR, DRI, NSC, CSN, GBC, TMCC, WNC; intra-System collaborations, FY 2019; proposals submitted and received, FY 2019; and distributions of state special projects matching funds, FY 2019.

Chair Geddes complimented the slide with information on the grant collaboration among the NSHE institutions.

Vice Chair Carter asked if there is a record of the different government

11. Information Only-2018-19 NSHE Sponsored Funding Report – *(continued)*

organizations the NSHE institutions submitted grant applications to in the last year. Ms. Jackson answered each institution has its own tracking system for that that; however, she will request the information from the institutions to share with the Committee.

(An updated report reflecting revisions to Total Proposals on page 11 and Appendix C is on file in the Board Office).

12. Information Only-New Business – None.

13. Information Only-Public Comment – None.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

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Approved by the Board of Regents at its December 3-4, 2020, meeting.