

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

Great Basin College  
Fitness Center  
1500 College Parkway, Elko  
Thursday, September 8, 2022

Video Conference Connection from the Meeting Site to:  
System Administration, Las Vegas  
4300 South Maryland Parkway, Board Room  
and  
System Administration, Reno  
2601 Enterprise Road, Conference Room

Members Present: Dr. Jason Geddes, Chair  
Mrs. Carol Del Carlo, Vice Chair  
Mr. Joseph C. Arrascada  
Mrs. Cathy McAdoo  
Ms. Laura E. Perkins

Members Absent: Mr. Donald Sylvantee McMichael Sr.

Other Regents Present: Ms. Amy J. Carvalho, Board Vice Chair  
Mr. Patrick J. Boylan  
Mr. Byron Brooks  
Mr. John T. Moran

Others Present: Mr. Dale A.R. Erquiaga, Acting Chancellor  
Mr. Robert G. Kilroy, Chief of Staff & Special Counsel to the Board  
Ms. Keri D. Nikolajewski, Deputy Chief of Staff to the Board  
Ms. Crystal Abba, Executive Vice Chancellor & Chief of Staff  
Mr. Andrew Clinger, Chief Financial Officer  
Ms. Renée Davis, Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic and  
Student Affairs and Community Colleges  
Mr. James Martines, Chief General Counsel  
Mr. Joseph Sunbury, Chief Internal Auditor  
Mr. José Quiroga, Research Analyst  
Dr. Federico Zaragoza, CSN President  
Dr. Kumud Acharya, DRI President  
Ms. Joyce M. Helens, GBC President  
Dr. DeRionne P. Pollard, NSC President  
Dr. Karin M. Hilgersom, TMCC President  
Dr. Keith E. Whitfield, UNLV President  
Mr. Brian Sandoval, UNR President  
Dr. J. Kyle Dalpe, WNC Interim President

Faculty senate chairs in attendance were: Ms. Tracy Sherman, CSN; Dr. Brittany Kruger, DRI; Mr. Kevin Seipp, GBC; Dr. Christine Beaudry, NSC; Mr. Ed Boog, System Administration; Ms. Amy Cavanaugh, TMCC; Dr. Rhonda Montgomery, UNLV; Dr. Eric Marchand, UNR; and Mr. Jim Strange, WNC. Student body presidents in attendance were: Ms. Yvette Machado, CSN; Mr. Zachary Stamp, GBC; Ms. Tessa Espinosa, NSC; Mr. John Fenton, TMCC; Ms. Nicole Thomas, UNLV-GPSA; Ms. Dionne Stanfill, UNR-ASUN; and Mr. Matthew Hawn, UNR-GSA.

Chair Jason Geddes called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with all members present except for Regent McMichael and Regent Perkins.

1. Information Only-Public Comment – Trinity Kirkland offered comments in support of the Nevada State College name change.

Lynwood Johnson expressed concerns about the *Handbook* revision related to requirements for graduation (Agenda Item 8); however, believed that the proposed policy change does not appear to affect the status quo at UNR.

2. Approved-Minutes – The Committee recommended approval of the minutes from the June 9, 2022, meeting. (*Ref. ARSA-2 on file in the Board Office*)

Vice Chair Del Carlo moved approval of the minutes from the June 9, 2022, meeting. Regent Arrascada seconded. Motion carried. Regent McMichael and Regent Perkins were absent.

3. Approved-UNLV – Organizational Unit Proposal, Cannabis Policy Institute – The Committee recommended approval of UNLV and Brookings Mountain West request to establish the Cannabis Policy Institute at UNLV. The Cannabis Policy Institute will build on an existing, long-standing record of scholarship, engagement, and community collaboration between scholars via Brookings Mountain West and the cannabis community. It will also build on the groundbreaking cannabis legal scholarship at the William S. Boyd School of Law. (*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.

Chair Geddes, Vice Chair Del Carlo, Regent Arrascada and Dr. Heavey addressed and discussed the following topics: the proposal development process and how there was no industry involvement; the focus of the institute being on policy to support cannabis use for medical purposes; establishing the institute will not jeopardize federal grants as the institution is not in the position to support the use of cannabis directly; and the institute staff will serve as neutral arbiters of policy related to the use of cannabis as it unfolds according to the laws of the state of Nevada.

3. Approved-UNLV – Organizational Unit Proposal, Cannabis Policy Institute –  
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Vice Chair Del Carlo moved approval of establishing a Cannabis Policy Institute at UNLV. Regent Arrascada seconded. Motion carried. Regent Perkins and Regent McMichael were absent.

4. Approved-UNLV – Organizational Unit Proposal, Nevada Center for Astrophysics – The Committee recommended approval of the Nevada Center for Astrophysics. This interdisciplinary Center will be housed in UNLV's College of Sciences and will foster theoretical and observational studies in astrophysical transients, black holes, stars, their planets, and cosmology by providing the necessary infrastructure to attract new talent and research resources to UNLV. Research will involve big data collection and processing, theoretical modeling, numerical simulations, and computation. (Ref. ARSA-4 on file in the Board Office)

Dr. Heavey provided a brief overview of the proposal.

Chair Geddes shared his support for the program and commented that it has great potential.

Vice Chair Del Carlo moved approval of the Nevada Center for Astrophysics at UNLV. Regent McAdoo seconded. Motion carried. Regent Perkins and Regent McMichael were absent.

5. Approved-UNLV – Program Proposal, MS Athletic Training – The Committee recommended approval of a Master of Science (MS) in Athletic Training in the School of Integrated Health Sciences, Department of Kinesiology and Nutrition Sciences. The MS in Athletic Training will provide specialized education in athletic training as a nationally accredited program through the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE). Individuals interested in athletic training employment in professional sports, collegiate sports, secondary and intermediate schools, performing arts, military, and industrial settings will benefit from this degree. (Ref. ARSA-5 on file in the Board Office)

Dr. Heavey provided a brief overview of the proposal.

Regent McAdoo moved approval of a Master of Science (MS) in Athletic Training in the School of Integrated Health Sciences, Department of Kinesiology and Nutrition Sciences at UNLV. Vice Chair Del Carlo seconded. Motion carried. Regent Perkins and Regent McMichael were absent.

6. Approved-NSC – Program Proposal, ED.S. School Psychology – The Committee recommended approval of an Education Specialist (Ed.S) in School Psychology. The accredited Ed.S. in School Psychology degree will provide graduate-level training as outlined by the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP). Graduates will be prepared to serve as school psychologists in all education settings, and under clinical supervision in community-based settings. Additionally, graduates will be prepared to successfully pass the national exam required for certification and will have met the criteria for licensure by the Nevada Department of Education. *(Ref. ARSA-6 on file in the Board Office)*

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

Regent McAdoo moved approval of an Education Specialist (Ed.S) in School Psychology program at NSC. Vice Chair Del Carlo seconded.

Regent Perkins entered the meeting.

Vice Chair Del Carlo, Regent Arrascada, Regent McAdoo and Mr. Dale A.R. Erquiaga, Acting Chancellor, discussed the overwhelming demand for mental health support and school psychologists at the K-12 level and at higher education institutions throughout the country.

Motion carried. Regent McMichael was absent.

7. Approved-GBC – Program Proposal, AAS Cardiorespiratory Care Science – The Committee recommended approval of an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Cardiorespiratory Care Science. Respiratory Care is a multi-credentialed program designed to provide understanding, proficiency, and skill in respiratory care. Upon successful completion of the program, the student will qualify to sit for board exams and obtain credentials from the Nevada Board for Respiratory Care. *(Ref. ARSA-7 on file in the Board Office)*

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

In response to a question from Chair Geddes, Dr. Amber Donnelly, GBC Dean of Health Sciences and Human Services answered within GBC's rural capacity, there are over 30 respiratory facilities.

Regent Arrascada moved approval of an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Cardiorespiratory Care Science at GBC. Vice Chair Del Carlo seconded. Motion carried. Regent McMichael was absent.

8. Approved-Handbook Revision, Requirements for Graduation – The Committee recommended approval of revisions to:

- Title 4, Chapter 16, Section 16, to indicate an in-residence credit requirement for bachelor's degrees earned at a university similar to the current requirement in place for community colleges and the state college, as well as a revision prohibiting the limitation of the number of transfer credits that can apply to a degree based on institution type;
- Title 4, Chapter 16, Section 24, to further define the number of in-residence credits required for associate and bachelor's degrees at a community college;
- Title 4, Chapter 16, Section 36, prohibiting the limitation of the number of transfer credits that can apply to a degree based on institution type;
- Title 4, Chapter 14, Section 18, clarifying that all upper and lower division baccalaureate level courses are transferable and prohibiting limitation of the number of transfer credits that can apply to a degree based on institution type; and
- Title 4, Chapter 14, Section 17, restricting the upper division course offerings at an institution to courses that apply to one or more degree programs that are approved by the Board or for the purpose of fulfilling transfer agreements. (*Ref. ARSA-8 on file in the Board Office*)

Ms. Renée Davis, Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs and Community Colleges, provided a brief overview of the proposed policy revisions.

Regent Perkins moved approval of the proposed *Handbook* revisions. Vice Chair Del Carlo seconded. Motion carried. Regent McMichael was absent.

9. Information Only-2020-21 NSHE Financial Aid Report – Research Analyst José Quiroga presented highlights from the 2020-21 NSHE Financial Aid Report, including data on financial aid programs and awards distributed across the System as well as NSHE total financial aid disbursed by category, source, and type. In addition, the presentation included general information on the variety of financial aid programs available to support students. (*Refs. ARSA-9a and ARSA-9b on file in the Board Office*)

Research Analyst José Quiroga presented highlights from the 2020-2021 NSHE Financial Aid Report, including total financial aid disbursed by institution; financial aid by ethnicity and institution; NSHE average annual Pell Grant disbursements by student; Nevada student financial assistance programs; financial aid by category (loans, student employment, grants, scholarships, etc.), source (federal, state, etc.), and disbursement by need versus non-need. He also provided information on financial aid concepts, including Cost of Attendance (COA) and

9. Information Only-2020-21 NSHE Financial Aid Report – *(continued)*

Estimated Family Contribution (EFC), as well as sample financial aid offers. The presentation concluded with an overview of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF II) disbursements by institution under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplement Appropriations Act (CRRSA).

Chair Geddes, Vice Chair Del Carlo, Regent Arrascada, Regent McAdoo, Regent Perkins, Board Vice Chair Carvalho, Regent Boylan and Acting Chancellor Erquiaga addressed and discussed the following topics: comparison of the Silver State Opportunity Grant (SSOG) to the Nevada Promise Scholarship (NPS), and the importance of expanding a need-based program such as the SSOG; establishing more coherence in the System regarding aid and assistance to students; data on average student debt of NSHE students; efficacy of scholarships and grants; COA; student loan forgiveness in relation to the institutions reaching out to students who have dropped out of school to see if there is an interest in returning to complete their degree; tracking the cohort default rate; the distribution of the 2021-2022 student fees; and current data on free education for NSHE students located in two recent reports provided to the Board regarding fee waivers, and the efficacy of statewide and state-funded financial aid programs.

10. Information Only-New Business – Regent Perkins requested data on fee waivers versus the graduation rate.

11. Information Only-Public Comment – None

The meeting adjourned at 9:11 a.m.

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**Approved by the Board of Regents at its November 30-December 2, 2022, meeting.**