

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

College of Southern Nevada
Tyrone Thompson Student Union, Rooms U126-U130
3200 E. Cheyenne Avenue, North Las Vegas
Thursday, March 9, 2023

Video Conference Connection from the Meeting Site to:
System Administration, Reno
2601 Enterprise Road, Conference Room
and
Great Basin College, Elko
1500 College Parkway, Berg Hall Conference Room

Members Present: Mr. Joseph C. Arrascada, Chair
Mrs. Carol Del Carlo, Vice Chair
Dr. Michele Cruz-Crawford
Ms. Stephanie Goodman
Mr. Donald Sylvantee McMichael Sr.

Other Regents Present: Mr. Byron Brooks, Board Chair
Mr. Patrick J. Boylan
Mrs. Susan Brager
Ms. Heather Brown
Mrs. Amy J. Carvalho
Mr. Jeffrey S. Downs
Ms. Laura E. Perkins
Dr. Lois Tarkanian

Others Present: Ms. Crystal Abba, Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief of Staff
Ms. Keri D. Nikolajewski, Interim Chief of Staff to the Board
Mr. Andrew Clinger, Chief Financial Officer
Ms. Renée Davis, Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic and
Student Affairs and Community Colleges
Mr. James Martines, Vice Chancellor and Chief General Counsel
Dr. Natalie J. Brown, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Workforce
Development and Community Colleges
Ms. Terina Caserto, Senior Analyst
Ms. Lynda P. King, Associate General Counsel
Mr. David Singleton, Academic and Transfer Policy Analyst
Mr. José Quiroga, Research Analyst
Mr. Joel Bekker, Deputy Attorney General
Dr. Federico Zaragoza, CSN President
Dr. Kumud Acharya, DRI President

Others Present: Ms. Joyce M. Helens, GBC President
Dr. DeRionne P. Pollard, NSC President
Dr. Jeffrey Alexander, TMCC Vice President of Academic Affairs
Dr. Keith E. Whitfield, UNLV President
Mr. Brian Sandoval, UNR President
Dr. J. Kyle Dalpe, WNC 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; Dr. Amy Cavanaugh, TMCC; Dr. Rhonda Montgomery, UNLV; Dr. Eric Marchand, UNR; and Mr. Jim Strange, WNC. Student body presidents in attendance were: Chanikan Buntha, TMCC; Mr. Kevin Leon-Martinez, UNLV-CSUN; Ms. Dionne Stanfill, UNR-ASUN; and Ms. Suzanna Stankute, WNC.

Chair Joseph C. Arrascada called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all members present. Regent McMichael led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Information Only-Public Comment – None.
2. Approved-Consent Items – The Committee recommended approval of the consent items.
 - (2a.) Approved-Minutes – The Committee recommended approval of the minutes from the December 1, 2022, meeting (*Ref. ARSA-2a on file in the Board office*).
 - (2b.) Approved-TMCC – Program Elimination, AAS Dietetic Technician – The Committee recommended approval to eliminate the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Dietetic Technician. The AAS Dietetic Technician will be phased out for elimination with implementation of a new certificate addition and the use of the Associate of Science (AS) Dietetic option. All courses in the AAS will still be offered as part of the AS Dietetic so that students declared in the AAS will have adequate time and opportunity to complete courses offered (*Ref. ARSA-2b on file in the Board office*).
 - (2c.) Approved-TMCC – Program Elimination, AS Geoscience – The Committee recommended approval to eliminate the Associate of Science (AS) in Geoscience due to low enrollment. Students wishing to pursue a path in Geoscience can complete an AS with an emphasis in Geology (*Ref. ARSA-2c on file in the Board office*).

In response to a question from Chair Arrascada, Dr. Jeffrey Alexander, TMCC Vice President of Academic Affairs, confirmed that students currently enrolled in TMCC's AS in Geoscience program have been notified about its elimination and the students have an option to transition to an Associate of Science program with an emphasis in Geology.

2. Approved-Consent Items – (continued)

Regent McMichael moved approval of the consent items. Vice Chair Del Carlo seconded. Motion carried.

3. Approved-UNLV – Program Proposal, BS Applied Health Sciences – The Committee recommended approval of a Bachelor of Science (BS) in Applied Health Sciences in the School of Integrated Health Sciences at UNLV. The BS in Applied Health Sciences will allow undergraduate students to customize an academic pathway toward application to an accredited undergraduate or graduate health program and entry-level careers in healthcare and wellness environments. The program will provide a meaningful foundation for specific concentrations for careers in health physics, comprehensive medical imaging, physical or occupational therapy, medicine, dental medicine, physician assistantship, and other clinical or academic graduate programs (*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 Arrascada and Dr. Heavey discussed the projected FTE for the first semester and how pre-major students pursuing specialties within the applied health sciences field will automatically be entered into the proposed BS in Applied Health Sciences degree. Eventually, many of those students will matriculate out of the degree and pursue the specialties they are interested in. Dr. Heavey confirmed that the BS in Applied Health Sciences will be delivered in both hybrid and online formats.

Chair Arrascada commended UNLV for adding three academic advisors to the proposed program.

Vice Chair Del Carlo moved approval of a Bachelor of Science in Applied Health Sciences at UNLV. Regent Goodman seconded. Motion carried.

4. Approved-UNR – Program Proposal, BS Early Childhood Education – The Committee recommended approval of a Bachelor of Science (BS) in Early Childhood Education at UNR. The BS in Early Childhood Education will prepare students interested in teaching young children, birth through second grade. Graduates may choose to seek Early Childhood Education (ECE) licensure in the state of Nevada or may choose to work in settings for young children that do not require a teaching license such as Head Start programs or private childcare centers (*Ref. ARSA-4 on file in the Board office*).

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

4. Approved-UNR – Program Proposal, BS Early Childhood Education – (continued)

Regent Cruz-Crawford shared data from the American Educational Research Association which supports programs such as UNR's proposal for a BS in Early Childhood Education.

Vice Chair Del Carlo shared her support for the program proposal and hopes in the future there will be a new childcare center on the UNR campus, as that would greatly expand the capacity for faculty, students and staff.

Chair Arrascada made an inquiry regarding the FTE for the first semester of the program. Dr. Thompson clarified the number presented for the first semester, 60 students, includes students already in the integrated teaching program and track, and students in human development, family studies and counseling with interest in early childhood education.

Regent Cruz-Crawford moved approval of a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education at UNR. Vice Chair Del Carlo seconded. Motion carried.

5. Approved-Regents' Awards – The Committee recommended approval of the following nominations for 2023 Regents' Awards: (Ref. ARSA-5 on file in the Board office)

a. Nevada Regents' Creative Activities Award

Rachel Stiff, WNC – (Community College)

Adam Schroeder, UNLV – (Universities, State College and DRI)

b. Nevada Regents' Teaching Award

Dr. Amy Ghilieri, WNC – Tenured/Tenure Track (Community College)

Dr. Elena Pravosudova, UNR – Non-Tenured (Universities, State College and DRI)

Dr. Laura Naumann, NSC – Tenured/Tenure Track
(Universities, State College and DRI)

c. Nevada Regents' Academic Advisor Award

Grecia Anaya-Arevalo, TMCC – (Community College)

Kara Spracklin, UNR – (Undergraduate – Universities, State College and DRI)

Dr. Kristen Clements-Nolle, UNR – (Graduate – Universities, State College and DRI)

d. Nevada Regents' Researcher Award

Dr. David M. Leitner, UNR – (Distinguished)

Dr. Dev Chidambaram, UNR – (Mid-Career)

5. Approved-Regents' Awards – (continued)

e. Nevada Regents' Rising Researcher Award

Dr. Christine Albano, DRI
Dr. Jennifer Byrnes, UNLV
Dr. Jason D. Flatt, UNLV
Dr. Shane W. Kraus, UNLV
Dr. Julie Allen, UNR
Dr. Ethan Ris, UNR
Dr. Rachel Herzl-Betz, NSC

Chair Arrascada and Regent Goodman recognized and congratulated all Regents' Awards nominees.

Vice Chair Del Carlo moved approval of the 2023 Regents' Awards nominations. Regent Goodman seconded. Motion carried.

6. Approved-Handbook Revision, Regulations for Determining Residency and Tuition Charges – The Committee recommended approval of revisions to Title 4, Chapter 15, Regulations for Determining Residency and Tuition Charges. The proposed policy revision is a technical reorganization of the chapter to improve clarity and compliance with Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 396.540, which will assist institutions in proper implementation of residency classifications (*Ref. ARSA-6 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 shared her appreciation for how the proposed policy revisions provide clarity on residency status for students.

Regent McMichael moved approval of the *Handbook* revision as presented. Vice Chair Del Carlo seconded. Motion carried.

7. Information Only-NSHE Common Course Numbering System – Academic and Transfer Policy Analyst David Singleton provided a presentation on the NSHE Common Course Numbering (CCN) system, including Board policy, procedures, the impacts on student transfer, and possible future enhancements (*Ref. ARSA-7 on file in the Board office*).

Mr. Singleton provided a report which included: Common Course Numbering (CCN) – the creation and history; 20 states utilize a CCN policy, and 6 states have CCN policies not derived from state law; NSHE CCN oversight and procedures; faculty participation in the CCN process; the benefits of CCN and maintaining its momentum; 2019-20 Transfer Agreement Audit recap; and possible considerations for the future.

7. Information Only-NSHE Common Course Numbering System – *(continued)*

Chair Arrascada, Vice Chair Del Carlo, Regent Cruz-Crawford, Regent Perkins and Mr. Singleton addressed and discussed the following topics: process for course proposal among the NSHE institutions and timeline for institutions to respond to a proposal; equity issues regarding first-generation students and course completion; faculty compensation for evaluating and aligning syllabi that do not meet the 80 percent threshold; past course transfer issues and the current transfer rate within the System; and parent-child course coordination.

8. Information Only-NSHE Fee Waivers – In a follow-up to a presentation made to the Board at the September 8-9, 2022, meeting, Research Analyst José Quiroga provided a presentation on metrics for recipients of the various NSHE fee waivers (*Ref. ARSA-8 on file in the Board office*).

Mr. Quiroga provided a report which included: introduction to fee waivers; current fee waivers: national guard (adopted 2003), POW/MIA (adopted 2009), active-duty (adopted 2014), foster youth (adopted 2018), Purple Heart (adopted 2019), and Native American (adopted 2021); 2021-22 fee waiver recipients and amount waived by program; 2021-22 fee waiver recipients by gender and ethnicity; overview of all fee waivers – persistence; and future reports and presentations.

Chair Arrascada, Vice Chair Del Carlo, Regent Cruz-Crawford, Regent Goodman, Regent McMichael, Regent Boylan, Regent Downs and Mr. Quiroga addressed and discussed the following topics: potentially establishing fee and tuition waivers for Congressional Medal of Honor recipients; statistics on active-duty military students; last-dollar funding sources and situations; the Native American fee waiver mandated by the Nevada Legislature and how there is currently no availability of funding sources for fee waivers mandated by the Legislature; and a conversation regarding the pros and cons of requesting funding from Native American-owned casinos in Nevada to assist with the NSHE Native American Fee Waiver.

9. Information Only-New Business – Regent Downs shared that he recently attended the NSHE Mathematics Corequisite Conference hosted by CSN. He requested corequisite analyses for English and math to be conducted at all of the institutions with a report to the Board at a future meeting.

Regent Boylan requested staff explore approaching the Native American casinos for money for NSHE fee waivers.

Chair Arrascada requested the following: an updated MOU for the MGM College Opportunity Program which includes the fees in which NSHE was compensated; a status report on the me3 Career Exploration Tool; a presentation of NSHE institutional research under the NSHE Data Dashboard; and an update on the review of streamlining MOUs among the NSHE institutions.

9. Information Only-New Business – (continued)

Vice Chair Del Carlo requested utilizing the 95.4 percent transfer rate as the baseline and having staff provide the Board with annual updates on measurables.

Regent Goodman stated that fundraising is conducted specifically by each of the institutions and believes that if there is an opportunity for funding, the institutions should approach and speak with private corporations.

10. Information Only-Public Comment – Kat Furman, NSC, advocated for expanding the fee waiver requirements for Native learners.

Chair Arrascada provided the Land Acknowledgement. He introduced and thanked the following individuals for supporting the meeting: Associate General Counsel Lynda King, Deputy Attorney General Joel Bekker and Interim Chief of Staff Keri Nikolajewski.

The meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

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Approved by the Board of Regents at its June 9, 2023, meeting.