

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF REGENTS
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Third Floor Rotunda
Frank H. Rogers Science & Technology Building
Desert Research Institute
755 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas
9:00 a.m., Friday, April 8, 2011

ROLL CALL:	Mr. James Dean Leavitt, Chairman	_____
	Dr. Jason Geddes, Vice Chairman	_____
	Mr. Mark Alden	_____
	Dr. Andrea Anderson	_____
	Mr. Robert Blakely	_____
	Mr. William G. Cobb	_____
	Mr. Cedric Crear	_____
	Dr. Mark W. Doubrava	_____
	Mr. Ron Knecht	_____
	Mr. Kevin C. Melcher	_____
	Mr. Kevin J. Page	_____
	Dr. Jack Lund Schofield	_____
	Mr. Michael B. Wixom	_____

NOTE: Below is an agenda of all items scheduled to be considered. Unless otherwise stated, items may be taken out of the order presented at the discretion of the chair. In accordance with the Board of Regents' Bylaws, Title I, Article V, Section 20, items voted on may be the subject of a motion to reconsider at this meeting. A motion to reconsider an item may be made at any time before adjournment of this meeting. Similarly, if an item is tabled at any time during the meeting, it may, by proper motion and vote, be taken from the table and thereafter be the subject of consideration and action at any time before adjournment of this meeting.

In accordance with the Board of Regents' Bylaws, Title 1, Article V, Section 13, a quorum may be gained by telephone hookup.

In accordance with NRS 241.020(6), support materials that are submitted to the Board of Regents' Office and then distributed to the members of the Board of Regents after the mailing of this agenda but before the meeting, will be made available as follows: 1.) Copies of any such supplemental support materials are available at the Board of Regents' Office Reno, Nevada. A copy may be requested by calling (775)784-4958, and 2.) Copies of any such supplemental support materials will be available at the meeting site.

Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate physically disabled persons attending the meeting. Please call the Board office at (775) 784-4958 in advance so that arrangements may be made.

CALL TO ORDER

9:00 a.m., Friday, April 8, 2011

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INFORMATION/ACTION

1. MINUTES

ACTION

Request is made for approval of the minutes from the December 2-3, 2010, regular Board of Regents' meeting. ([Ref. BOR-1](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION

Public comment will be taken during this agenda item. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter is included on an agenda as an item on which action may be taken. The Chair of the Board of Regents may place reasonable limitations as to the amount of time individuals may address the Board. The Chair may elect to allow public comment on a specific agenda item when that item is being considered.

ESTIMATED TIME: 90 mins.

**3. DISCUSSION OF 2011-2013
NSHE BIENNIAL BUDGET
AND LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

INFORMATION/ACTION

The Board will continue its discussion of the 2011-2013 NSHE Biennial Budget Request that was submitted to the Governor, the Executive Budget, any new developments from the 2011 legislative session, and updates on the financial status of the state and the corresponding impact on budgets.

The Regents, institutional presidents and staff will continue to discuss various options for the development of contingency plans in the anticipated event that the 2011-2013 NSHE budget as submitted is not fully funded. The discussion may include responses to questions raised by the Board at its March 10-11, 2011, meeting, including, for both fiscal years, increases in fees to bring them into line with peer institutions; any information on savings from consolidation of like functions or centers, or closing of centers, including satellite campuses or learning centers; and information on the Efficiency and Effectiveness initiative, including centralization

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or outsourcing of services, partnerships and potential elimination of some of the programs within the System's appropriation lines. The Board may also discuss and provide guidance to the Chancellor and institutional presidents as to the general policies and/or strategies to be included or addressed in budgetary plans at the system and institutional level to meet the anticipated funding reductions. The Board may approve, in whole or in part, specific budgetary plans to meet the anticipated funding reductions that are presented by the Chancellor and institutional presidents.

As part of the deliberations, the Board may consider and take action on modifications to Board Policy in response to the Executive Budget, including, but not limited to, considering increases in student tuition and fees; addressing the continuation of employee furloughs and/or employee pay decreases; and discussing the need for and considering action by the Board to declare a financial exigency. The Board may also consider and take action on suggestions for modifications to applicable state policies to be supported by the Board that will assist in addressing any fund reductions, including, but not limited to, revenue generating policies.

The Board may provide direction to the Chancellor and the presidents to analyze further the proposed cuts in the Executive Budget and to provide the Board with additional information and potential options for addressing those proposed budget reductions at the next meeting of the Board.

The Board will be provided an update on legislation proposing new policies or revisions to existing policies affecting the Nevada System of Higher Education. The Board may provide direction to the Chairman and/or the Chancellor to express the support or opposition or sense of the Board to the Governor and the Legislature regarding the Executive Budget and/or legislative proposals for modifications to any specific state policies affecting the Nevada System of Higher Education.

*NOTICE OF INTENT TO REPEAL OR RESCIND PRIOR BOARD ACTION. In accordance with the Board of Regents' Bylaws (*Title 1, Article V, Section 21*), this constitutes written notice that due to the Legislature's direction to the Chancellor to provide budget related implications of the closure, consolidation or merger of NSHE institutions, a motion may be made and voted upon to rescind or repeal, in whole or in part, the Board's prior action approving the removal from consideration closure, consolidation or merger of any

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of the institutions. Should the Board repeal or rescind its prior action, the Board may consider the budgetary implications of the closure, consolidation or merger of NSHE institutions in the discussion and/or actions set out above in this agenda item.

For purposes of this discussion, please find excerpts of the draft minutes related to budget discussions from the following meetings:

- *February 3, 2011, Board of Regents' Special Meeting ([Ref. BOR-3a](#))*
- *March 10, 2011, Budget and Finance Committee Meeting ([Ref. BOR-3b](#))*
- *March 11, 2011, Board of Regents' Meeting ([Ref. BOR-3c](#))*

ESTIMATED TIME: 3 hrs.

4. UPDATE ON THE REGENTS' EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS INITIATIVE FOR THE NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION **INFORMATION/ACTION**

Vice Chancellor Bart Patterson will report on the progress of the NSHE business operations review pursuant to the Board's Efficiency and Effectiveness (*E&E*) initiative led by Vice Chair Geddes and Regent Page. The initial report and recommendations will ask for approval of a number of actions pertaining to NSHE and Board policies, the structure of NSHE business operations and legislative action that may be sought. The Board may take action on the proposed initial recommendations and provide further direction to staff in regard to next steps to be taken.

ESTIMATED TIME: 20 mins.

5. CHANCELLOR'S TASK FORCE TO REVIEW PEBP RECOMMENDATIONS AND REFORM **INFORMATION/ACTION**

Chancellor Daniel J. Klaich and Task Force Chair Gerry Bomotti will report on the changes that are being implemented to health insurance benefits through the Public Employee Benefits Program, as well as the recommendations of the NSHE Task Force that has been examining the changes. The Board may provide direction to the Chancellor on further steps that should be taken in addressing these changes, and may provide direction to the Chancellor to express the position of the Board to the Governor and the Legislature on these issues. ([Ref. BOR-5a](#), [BOR-5b](#) and [BOR-5c](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 15 mins.

6. SYSTEM CREDIT RATING

INFORMATION/ACTION

The Board will discuss the recent downgrading of the State's credit ratings to the extent such action may have implications for costs and constraints that NSHE will face, and it will discuss and consider recent actions of credit-rating agencies in regard to the System's own credit ratings and perceived creditworthiness. The Board will consider actions that may enhance the System's creditworthiness and communicate its creditworthiness to credit-rating agencies, financial institutions and other relevant parties including, but not limited to, instructing NSHE and institutional staff to take certain actions to enhance and communicate the System's creditworthiness. ([Ref. BOR-6](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 mins.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

**7. PROCEDURES & GUIDELINES MANUAL
REVISION, DIFFERENTIAL PROGRAM
FEE PROPOSALS**

INFORMATION/ACTION

UNLV President Neal J. Smatresk and UNR President Milton D. Glick request approval of differential program fees for their respective graduate level Business programs. In accordance with Board policy, differential program fees may be established for high cost and/or high demand programs pending review and approval of the Board of Regents. ([Ref. BOR-7](#))

Fiscal Impact: Approved differential program fees will generate revenue for the program for which they are associated. See reference material for estimated review projections based on the proposed fee.

ESTIMATED TIME: 20 mins.

**8. PROCEDURES & GUIDELINES MANUAL
REVISION, SUMMER SCHOOL
REGISTRATION FEES**

INFORMATION/ACTION

Vice Chancellor Mark Stevens requests approval of a revision to the language in the Procedures & Guidelines Manual (*Chapter 7, Section 7E*) to base summer registration fees on the amounts charged in the following fall rather than the previous spring. ([Ref. BOR-8](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

INFORMATION/ACTION

**9. PROPOSED SALE OF S-BAR-S RANCH
WADSWORTH, NEVADA**

INFORMATION/ACTION

UNR President Milton D. Glick requests approval of Amendment 3 of the Option Agreement which reduces the sale price of the S-Bar-S Ranch and related water rights by \$250,000 to \$3,466,880. In exchange, NSHE would receive a full release with Buyer assuming all liability for any and all future environmental remediation at the S-Bar-S Ranch. ([Ref. BOR-9](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 15 mins.

10. REGENTS' SCHOLAR AWARD, CSN

INFORMATION/ACTION

CSN President Michael D. Richards requests approval of a Regents' Scholar Award to CSN student Ms. Maryknoll Palisoc. *Policy: Handbook, Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 15 and Procedures & Guidelines Manual, Chapter 8, Section 2.5: ([Ref. BOR-10a](#) and [BOR-10b](#))*

***FISCAL IMPACT:** Each recipient of the Regents' Scholar Award receives \$5,000. The Scholar Award is typically funded 100 percent by NSHE System Administration. In this instance, the cost of the second award will be borne by the College of Southern Nevada, not the NSHE System Administration. (Procedures & Guidelines Manual Chapter 8, Section 2(6)).*

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

**11. REPORT ON ACCT 2011 GOVERNANCE
LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**

INFORMATION/ACTION

Regent Andrea Anderson will present a report on her attendance at the ACCT 2011 Governance Leadership Institute that was held in Las Vegas from March 16-18, 2011.

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

**12. UPDATE ON REDISTRICTING
AND REAPPORTIONMENT**

INFORMATION/ACTION

Mr. Scott G. Wasserman, Chief Executive Officer and Special Counsel to the Board of Regents, will provide an update on census information and redistricting as it pertains to the Board of Regents. Based on the report, the Board may provide direction to staff in preparing redistricting plans for the Board's future consideration and/or approve a redistricting plan for recommendation to the Nevada Legislature.

ESTIMATED TIME: 15 mins.

**13. BOARD OF REGENTS
SPECIAL MEETING DATES -
CALENDAR YEAR 2011 AND 2012**

INFORMATION/ACTION

The Board will discuss and approve tentative special meeting dates for Board of Regents' meetings to be scheduled in calendar years 2011 and 2012 to supplement the regularly scheduled Board meetings. Recommended tentative special meeting dates are as follows:

- May 6, 2011
- May 20, 2011
- July 29, 2011
- October 21, 2011

- January 20, 2012
- April 20, 2012
- July 20, 2012
- October 19, 2012

***NOTE:** The previously scheduled May 27, 2011, special meeting would be eliminated. (Ref. BOR-13 contains the quarterly Board meeting dates approved by the Board at the March 10-11, 2011, meeting.) ([Ref. BOR-13](#))*

***ESTIMATED TIME:** 5 mins.*

14. NEW BUSINESS

INFORMATION

Items for consideration at future meetings may be suggested. Any discussion of an item under "New Business" is limited to description and clarification of the subject matter of the item, which may include the reasons for the request.

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CSN, Building D, 1st floor, 6375 W. Charleston Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89146-1124
DRI, Maxey Building, 2215 Raggio Parkway, Reno, NV 89512-1095
DRI, Southern Nevada Science Center, 755 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89119-7363
GBC, Berg Hall, 1500 College Parkway, Elko, NV 89801
NSC, Great Hall, 1125 Nevada State Drive, Henderson, NV 89015
TMCC, Red Mountain Building (RDMT 200), 7000 Dandini Blvd., Reno, NV 89512
UNLV, Flora Dungan Humanities (FDH), 1st & 7th floors, 4505 Maryland Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89154-1001
UNR, Clark Administration, University of Nevada, Reno, Reno, NV 89557
WNC, Bristlecone Building Lobby, 2201 W. College Parkway, Carson City, NV 89703
System Administration, 5550 W. Flamingo, Suite A-5, Las Vegas, NV 89103
System Administration, 2601 Enterprise Road, Reno, NV 89512