

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
Friday, January 20, 2012, 9:00 a.m.

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System Administration, Reno
2601 Enterprise Road, Conference Room
and
Great Basin College, Elko
1500 College Parkway, Berg Hall Conference Room

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

NOTE: Below is an agenda of all items scheduled to be considered. Notification is hereby provided that items on the agenda may be taken out of the order presented, two or more agenda items may be combined for consideration, and an agenda item may be removed from the agenda or discussion relating to an item on the agenda may be delayed at any time.

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.

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1. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION ONLY

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ESTIMATED TIME: 30 mins.

**2. STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS FOR THE
FUTURE OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

The Board will continue its discussion related to strategic directions for the future of public higher education in Nevada, including its primary goal of student success, as a follow-up to prior discussions held at the September, October and December 2011 Board meetings. Chancellor Daniel J. Klaich will discuss the status of the Board's current planning efforts, including the various projects underway that support the Board's primary goal of student success and requests approval of the various initiatives defined under strategic direction of the Board of Regents, including increasing student achievement, retention and success (Initiative #1); increasing transparency, accountability and performance (Initiative #2); continuous review and revision of programs to support innovation and responsiveness (Initiative #3); and assuring access and affordability of public higher education (Initiative #4). ([Ref. BOR-2](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 60 mins.

3. 2012-2013 REGISTRATION AND CORRESPONDING FEE INCREASES FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

At the December Board meeting, the Board approved a permanent registration fee increase of 8 percent for academic year 2012-13 for undergraduate students only. Each NSHE institution will present for the Board's approval their institution's plan for the expenditure of the funds generated by the approved fee increase. ([Ref. BOR-3](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 60 mins.

4. STUDENT REGISTRATION FEE DISTRIBUTION, 2012-2013 FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Vice Chancellor Mark Stevens requests approval of distribution of the student registration fee increases as approved at the December 2011 Board meeting that will modify the allocation of student registration fees between the state-supported operating budget and amounts retained by the institutions (*PGM, Chapter 7, Section 15*). A portion of this increase is distributed to the State Supported Operating Budget consistent with the 2010 Letter of Intent and the remainder is in the campus retained (*non-state*) portion of the budget to fund student access (*need-based financial aid*), and other institutional expenditures. ([Ref. BOR-4](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 mins.

5. REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE FUNDING OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Chancellor Daniel J. Klaich will present a report on the progress of the Legislature's Interim Committee to Study the Funding of Higher Education. This will include an overview of an alternate funding formula model that was presented to the Committee by the Chancellor at its January 11, 2012, meeting. The Board may provide direction to the Chancellor concerning the alternative funding model and other issues as related to the Interim Study Committee. ([Ref. BOR-5](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 60 mins.

6. **HANDBOOK REVISION, DISCRIMINATION AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT COMPLAINT PROCEDURE** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Interim Chief Counsel Brooke Nielsen requests approval of an amendment to Board of Regents Policy Against Discrimination and Sexual Harassment; Complaint Procedure (*Title 4, Chapter 8, Section 13*) which will bring the policies into compliance with the Office of Civil Rights' April 4, 2011, "Dear Colleague" letter, recent Nevada legislation prohibiting discrimination based on gender identity or gender expression, and federal legislation prohibiting discrimination based on genetic information. ([Ref. BOR-6](#) for agenda items #6 and #7)

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

7. **CODE REVISION, SEXUAL HARASSMENT** **INFORMATION ONLY**

Interim Chief Counsel Brooke Nielsen presents for information a proposed amendment to the Code provisions governing sexual harassment (*Title 2, Ch. 6, Sec. 6.2.5*) which will bring the Code into compliance with the Office of Civil Rights' April 4, 2011, "Dear Colleague" letter, recent Nevada legislation prohibiting discrimination based on gender identity or gender expression, and federal legislation prohibiting discrimination based on genetic information. This is the first hearing at which this Code revision is being requested and is presented for information only. Final action will be requested at the March 2012 meeting of the Board. ([Ref. BOR-6](#) for agenda items #6 and #7)

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

8. **NEW BUSINESS** **INFORMATION ONLY**

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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