

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

Frank H. Rogers Science & Technology Building

Third Floor Rotunda

Desert Research Institute

755 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas

Thursday, March 5, 2015, 9:15 a.m.

or immediately upon adjournment of the

Workforce, Research and Economic Development Committee

(The Workforce, Research and Economic Development Committee convenes at 9:00 a.m. in the same location)

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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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BOARD

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Kevin J. Page, Chairman	_____
Mr. Rick Trachok, Vice Chairman	_____
Dr. Andrea Anderson	_____
Mr. Cedric Crear	_____
Dr. Mark W. Doubrava	_____
Dr. Jason Geddes	_____
Mr. Trevor Hayes	_____
Mr. James Dean Leavitt	_____
Mr. Sam Lieberman	_____
Mr. Kevin C. Melcher	_____
Ms. Allison Stephens	_____
Mr. Michael B. Wixom	_____
Governor's Appointee, District 9	_____

COMMITTEE

ROLL CALL:

Dr. Jason Geddes, Chair	_____
Mr. Sam Lieberman, Vice Chair	_____
Dr. Andrea Anderson	_____
Mr. Cedric Crear	_____
Mr. James Dean Leavitt	_____

In addition to the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, this meeting is noticed as a meeting of the Board of Regents to allow other Regents who may wish to attend to participate.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE AGENDA AND PUBLIC MEETING

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.

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.

*The Board of Regents, at its regularly scheduled meetings, meets concurrently with its Committees (the Academic and Student Affairs Committee; the Audit Committee; the Business and Finance Committee; the Cultural Diversity Committee; the Investment and Facilities Committee; the Health Sciences System Committee; and the Workforce, Research and Economic Development Committee). The Board's Committee meetings take place in accordance with the agendas published for those Committees. Regents who are not members of the Committees may attend the Committee meetings and participate in the discussion of Committee agenda items. However, action items will only be voted on by the members of each Committee, unless a Regent is temporarily made a member of that Committee under Board of Regents' Bylaws, Title 1, Article VI, Section 6. The full Board of Regents will consider Committee action items in accordance with the Board of Regents' agenda published for the current or for a subsequent meeting.

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

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<http://system.nevada.edu/Nshe/index.cfm/administration/board-of-regents/meeting-agendas/>

Many public libraries have publicly accessible computer terminals. Copies of the reference material and any additional 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 materials are available at the Board of Regents' Office at 2601 Enterprise Road, Reno, Nevada, and the Board of Regents' Office at 4300 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada. A copy may be requested by calling Keri Nikolajewski at (702) 889-8426; 2. Copies of any such materials will also be available at the meeting site.

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1. PUBLIC COMMENT **INFORMATION ONLY**

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2. CONSENT ITEMS **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Consent items will be considered together and acted on in one motion unless an item is removed to be considered separately by the Committee.

2a. MINUTES **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Request is made for approval of the minutes from the December 4, 2014, meeting. ([Ref. ASA-2a](#))

2b. WNC – PROGRAM DEACTIVATION, PEACE OFFICERS' STANDARDS AND TRAINING (POST) ACADEMY CERTIFICATION **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

WNC requests approval to deactivate its Peace Officers' Standards and Training (POST) certification program due to a failed search for a program director. There are no currently enrolled students. ([Ref. ASA-2b](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

3. SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION/ UNR ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT CHANGE, UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA PRESS **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

System Administration and UNR request approval to move the University of Nevada Press from System Administration to the Office of the Provost at UNR. The University of Nevada Press can more effectively fulfill its role as a scholarly book publisher by being affiliated with a university, which is consistent with most of the other reporting relationships among the 130 members of the Association of American University Presses. ([Ref. ASA-3](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

4. CODE AND HANDBOOK REVISIONS, UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA PRESS **INFORMATION ONLY**

Vice Chancellor Crystal Abba will present for the Committee's information a revision to Board policy concerning the University of Nevada Press (NSHE Code Title 2, Chapter 1, Sections 1.1 and 1.4 and Title 4, Chapter 3, Section 26). Specifically, the proposed revision removes reference to the University of Nevada Press as part of the System Administration/Chancellor's Office. This policy revision is presented for information only and will be presented for action at the Board of Regents June 11-12, 2015, meeting if the transfer of the University of Nevada Press to the Office of the Provost at UNR is approved. ([Ref. ASA-4](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

5. UNR – NEW MAJOR, MS/PhD IN NEUROSCIENCE **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

UNR requests approval of a Master of Science/Doctor of Philosophy in Neuroscience, one of the most significant frontiers in modern science. The program will complement UNR's popular and successful interdisciplinary BS degree in neuroscience and is designed to fill a final critical gap in neuroscience initiatives at UNR by providing advanced training in this field through the development of a graduate degree program. ([Ref. ASA-5](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

6. UNLV – ACADEMIC MASTER PLAN REVISION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

UNLV requests approval of a revision to its Academic Master Plan, previously approved at the December 2014 meeting, to include among its planned programs a Doctorate of Medical Physics. ([Ref. ASA-6](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

7. UNLV – NEW DEGREE, DOCTORATE OF MEDICAL PHYSICS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

UNLV requests approval of a Doctorate of Medical Physics. This program is designed to address both the lack of residency programs in medical physics nationally and the shortage of well-trained medical physicists that is likely to increase over time with a growing demand for medical physicists in radiation oncology, diagnostic imaging and nuclear medicine that is driven by an aging population and the development of new radiation sources and technologies. ([Ref. ASA-7](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

8. UNLV – NEW DEGREE, PhD IN INTERDISCIPLINARY HEALTH SCIENCES FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

UNLV requests approval of a Doctor of Philosophy in Interdisciplinary Health Sciences, an innovative approach to health care research in response to the growing demand from federal funding agencies to have an interdisciplinary research approach to complex health care problems. ([Ref. ASA-8](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

**9. UNLV, NEW ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
NEVADA INSTITUTE OF PERSONALIZED
MEDICINE**

UNLV requests approval of a new research institution funded in part by a Knowledge Fund grant from the Governor's Office of Economic Development. The Nevada Institute of Personalized Medicine (NIPM) will conduct research and clinical trials, integrating genomics, computational biology, health informatics, and community health and outcomes research to drive personalized medicine. This work is designed to lead to funded grants and, subsequently, private investment, jobs and economic development in the health care sector. ([Ref. ASA-9](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

**10. UNLV - NEW ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
CENTER FOR PROFESSIONAL AND
LEADERSHIP STUDIES**

UNLV requests approval of a Center for Professional and Leadership Studies, as provided for in the Las Vegas Sands gift to the William F. Harrah College of Hotel Administration for an international hospitality and gaming professional education and research center. The new center will support hospitality industry managers and executives through a mix of open enrollment and custom in-person and online executive education courses. ([Ref. ASA-10](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

11. HANDBOOK REVISION, IN-STATE TUITION WAIVER FOR CERTAIN VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Vice Chancellor Crystal Abba will present for the Committee's approval a revision to Board policy concerning in-state tuition for certain veterans living in Nevada and their family members (*Title 4, Chapter 15, Section 3*). Under Section 702 of the federal Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014 (H.R. 3230, "Choice Act"), public institutions of higher education that do not offer in-state tuition rates to certain veterans and dependents will lose federal veteran educational assistance dollars under the All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program and the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act. This policy complies with the Choice Act to ensure NSHE institutions do not risk the loss of federal veteran educational assistance funds. ([Ref. ASA-11](#))

***FISCAL IMPACT:** Under the provisions of the proposed policy and federal law, NSHE institutions will forgo non-resident tuition to qualified veterans and certain dependent beneficiaries. The number of veterans and dependent beneficiaries who will move to Nevada and qualify cannot be estimated and, therefore, the revenue loss cannot be determined.*

***ESTIMATED TIME:** 10 mins.*

12. HANDBOOK REVISION, CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION – EARLY ADMISSIONS AND ENROLLMENT **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Vice Chancellor Crystal Abba will present for the Committee's approval a revision to Board policy concerning the high school graduates identified as Career and Technical Education (CTE) program completers (*Title 4, Chapter 16, Section 8*). Specifically, the revised policy provides that these graduates may be given college credits for high school work based on program agreements with the Department of Education. ([Ref. ASA-12](#))

***ESTIMATED TIME:** 10 mins.*

13. HANDBOOK REVISION, MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIP FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Vice Chancellor Crystal Abba will present for the Committee's approval a revision to Board policy concerning the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship (*Title 4, Chapter 18, Section 9*). Specifically, the revised policy aligns with action taken by the 2013 Legislature and eliminates passage of the High School Proficiency Exam as an eligibility requirement for the scholarship starting with the high school graduating class of 2017. In addition, the revised policy clarifies that the high school courses required for scholarship eligibility include Algebra II or a higher math course, and makes other technical revisions. ([Ref. ASA-13](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 mins.

14. REGENTS' AWARDS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

NSHE Board of Regents' policy calls for the Committee's approval of recommended candidates for various Regents' awards. The following individuals are nominated for 2015 Regents' awards. ([Ref. ASA-14](#))

- a. Nevada Regents' Creative Activities Award
Dr. Emma Sepulveda, UNR
- b. Nevada Regents' Teaching Award-Community College
Emily Howarth, WNC
- c. Nevada Regents' Teaching Award-University, State College and DRI
Dr. Pradip Bhowmik, UNLV
- d. Nevada Regents' Academic Advisor Awards
Tara Connolly, TMCC (Community College)
Dr. Erin Stiles, UNR (Undergraduate)
Jennifer Carr, UNLV (Graduate)

FISCAL IMPACT: \$30,000. *Each recipient of the Regents' Creative Activities Award, Regents' Teaching Award and Regents' Academic Advisor Award receives an award of \$5,000. Each NSHE campus shares the costs of funding the Regents' Awards, with the exception of the Scholar Award (see main Board agenda) that is funded 100 percent by System Administration, and the Advisor Award that is funded 50 percent by System Administration and 50 percent by the institutions. For specific costs to the institution, see the cost sharing table in the Procedures and Guidelines Manual Chapter 8, Section 2, Subsection 6.*

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

15. 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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- CSN, Building D, 1st Floor, 6375 W. Charleston Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89146
- DRI, Maxey Building, 2215 Raggio Parkway, Reno, NV 89512
- DRI, Southern Nevada Science Center, 755 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89119
- 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 Boulevard, Reno, NV 89512
- UNLV, Flora Dungan Humanities Building (FDH), 1st & 7th Floors, 4505 Maryland Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89154
- UNR, Clark Administration, University of Nevada, Reno, Reno, NV 89557
- WNC, Bristlecone Building Lobby, 2201 W. College Parkway, Carson City, NV 89703
- System Administration, 4300 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89119
- System Administration, 2601 Enterprise Road, Reno, NV 89512