

**BOARD OF REGENTS\* and its  
ad hoc COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS  
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

System Administration, Reno  
2601 Enterprise Road, Conference Room  
Tuesday, September 8, 2015, 10:00 a.m.

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and  
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1500 College Parkway, Berg Hall Conference Room

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**BOARD**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**COMMITTEE**

**ROLL CALL:**

Dr. Jason Geddes, Co-chair	_____
Mr. Kevin J. Page, Co-chair	_____
Mr. Cedric Crear	_____
Mr. James Dean Leavitt	_____
Mr. Kevin C. Melcher	_____
Mr. Michael B. Wixom	_____

In addition to the ad hoc Committee on Athletics, 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**

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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.

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**1. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**INFORMATION ONLY**

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**2. COMMITTEE INTRODUCTIONS**

**INFORMATION ONLY**

Chair Geddes will introduce the Committee members.

**3. COMMITTEE CHARGE**

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

The Committee will discuss the purpose and goals of the Committee with relation to oversight of intercollegiate athletics and will consider approval of a committee charge that incorporates the purpose and goals of the Committee. ([Ref. COA-3](#))

*ESTIMATED TIME: 15 mins*

**4. INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC  
REPORTS, CSN, WNC, UNLV, UNR**

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Institutional presidents and athletic directors will separately present for Committee approval their required annual reporting of athletic department information (*Title 4, Chapter 24, Section 1(9)*), including:

- A complete review of the athletic budget, including state and non-state sources, of each institution participating in intercollegiate athletics, including the amount of institutional support for each revenue-generating sport;
- Each such institution's athletic mission statement, five year plan and the annual report of any assistant coaches hired in the previous fiscal year;
- A review of conference, NCAA and NJCAA rules;
- Information on the number of special admissions for student-athletes compared with the rest of the student body, declared majors of student-athletes and graduation rates of athletes;
- Information regarding the extent to which, financial or otherwise, each institution subsidizes intercollegiate athletics with gifts, sponsorships, allocated revenues or dedicated student fees and how the growth of these sources compares with the overall growth of institutional expenditures;
- If conducted during the previous year, a periodic risk assessment, as determined by the Board, conducted by the NSHE internal audit staff to evaluate the internal controls of the respective athletic departments; and
- Intercollegiate athletic related capital expenditures from all sources, including but not limited to, gifts, state Capital Improvement Projects and bonds, and the level of athletic department reserves.

The Committee may discuss and provide guidance to the Chancellor and the affected institutional presidents as to the general policies and/or strategies to be included or addressed in the budgetary plans, athletic mission statements and five year plans of each institution. The Committee may approve, or revise and approve specific budgetary plans presented by the presidents. The Committee may make recommendations to the Chancellor and/or the presidents with regard to the content of the reports.

[\(Refs. COA-4a, COA-4b, COA-4c, COA-4d\)](#)

***ESTIMATED TIME:*** 75 mins.

**5. LITIGATION INVOLVING THE NCAA AND POTENTIAL CONGRESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT IN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS** **INFORMATION ONLY**

Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs Brooke Nielsen will review recent litigation involving the NCAA and its impact on intercollegiate athletics and potential Congressional involvement in the future landscape of intercollegiate athletics. ([Ref. COA-5](#))

*ESTIMATED TIME: 15 mins.*

**6. HANDBOOK REVISION, CONTRACTS FOR ATHLETIC COACHES AND DIRECTORS** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Committee approval is requested of a non-substantive revision to reconcile conflicting provisions in *Title 4, Chapter 24, Section 1* regarding Board approval of head coaches of football and men's and women's basketball. Specifically, the provisions of *Title 4, Chapter 24, Section 1* would be revised to cross reference and be consistent with more recently Board of Regents enacted NSHE Code provisions that take precedence over *Title 4, Chapter 24, Section 1* and provides that contracts for head athletic coaches of football and men's and women's basketball require Board approval only if the term exceeds 36 months or if the contract exceeds \$1,200,000 for the contract term. ([Ref. COA-6](#))

*ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.*

**7. ATHLETIC COACH AND DIRECTOR HIRING PRACTICES** **INFORMATION ONLY**

The Committee will discuss Board policy governing the hiring of athletic coaches and athletic directors, use of standardized contract templates and institutional approaches to negotiating coaching contracts, including the possible use of outside counsel.

*ESTIMATED TIME: 15 mins.*

**8. INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS: INFORMATION ONLY**  
**ASPECTS OF TITLE IX COMPLIANCE –**  
**COST OF ATTENDANCE ATHLETIC**  
**SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Committee will discuss aspects of Title IX compliance costs at the institutions with respect to cost of attendance athletic scholarships and the proposed methods to implement cost of attendance athletic scholarships.

*ESTIMATED TIME: 15 mins.*

**9. SPORTSMANSHIP AT INFORMATION ONLY**  
**ATHLETIC EVENTS**

The Committee will discuss ways to foster sportsmanship among athletes, coaching staff and fans at athletic events, with particular focus on NSHE rivalry events.

*ESTIMATED TIME: 10 mins.*

**10. COMMISSION STUDY OF NSHE FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**  
**INTERCOLLEGIATE UNIVERSITY**  
**ATHLETIC PROGRAMS**

The Committee will consider approval to direct the Chancellor to commission a study of the two NSHE university intercollegiate athletic programs and provide a list of options for conference alignment, including the Mountain West Conference, to determine at what level each university is able to compete without additional state, student and university subsidies.

*ESTIMATED TIME: 15 mins.*

**11. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE TOPICS INFORMATION ONLY**

Chair Geddes will lead a discussion on Committee topics for discussion by the Committee in the upcoming year.

*ESTIMATED TIME: 10 mins.*

**12. 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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