

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

Student Union, Ballroom A
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
4505 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas
Thursday, December 1, 2016, 9:00 a.m.

BOARD

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Rick Trachok, Chairman	_____
Mr. Michael B. Wixom, Vice Chairman	_____
Dr. Andrea Anderson	_____
Mr. Cedric Crear	_____
Mr. Robert 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, Chair	_____
Mr. Sam Lieberman, Vice Chair	_____
Dr. Andrea Anderson	_____
Mr. Trevor Hayes	_____
Mr. Kevin C. Melcher	_____
Ms. Allison Stephens	_____

In addition to the Academic, Research 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, including moving an item to a different day if the meeting is noticed for more than one day, 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, Research and Student Affairs Committee; the Audit Committee; the Business, Finance and Facilities Committee; the Cultural Diversity and Title IX Compliance Committee; the Investment Committee; and the Health Sciences System 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.

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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 September 8, 2016, meeting. ([Ref. ARSA-2a](#))

**2b. TMCC – PROGRAM
ELIMINATION,
NORTHERN NEVADA LAW
ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY**

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

TMCC requests approval to eliminate its Northern Nevada Law Enforcement Academy. There are no currently enrolled students, and law enforcement partners regularly conduct their own academies without awarding academic credit and have expressed satisfaction with that arrangement. ([Ref. ARSA-2b](#))

2. **CONSENT ITEMS – (Continued)**

2c. **HANDBOOK REVISION, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
COURSE NUMBERING FOR
PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS**

Vice Chancellor Crystal Abba requests approval of a revision to Board policy governing course numbering to allow professional schools to establish their own distinct course numbering rubric that extends beyond the numbering rubric set forth for course numbering generally (*Title 4, Chapter 14, Section 16*). The policy revision will allow the professional schools the option of utilizing a distinct numbering rubric. ([Ref. ARSA-2c](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes

3. **UNLV – PROGRAM PROPOSAL, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
MS DATA ANALYTICS AND
APPLIED ECONOMICS**

UNLV requests approval of a Master of Science in Data Analytics and Applied Economics that uniquely combines the expertise and knowledge of Management Information Systems (MIS) with economics and statistics. The program uses existing resources to respond to increasing demand from public and private sectors for graduates with skills in data management, economic analysis and statistical analysis. ([Ref. ARSA-3](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes

4. **UNLV – ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
PROPOSAL, DEPARTMENT OF
INTERDISCIPLINARY, GENDER
AND ETHNIC STUDIES**

UNLV requests approval of the new Department of Interdisciplinary, Gender and Ethnic Studies (IGES) within the College of Liberal Arts. This new Department will offer the degrees formerly offered by the unit of Interdisciplinary Programs (IDP), including majors in Multidisciplinary Studies; Social Science Studies; Gender and Sexuality Studies; African American Studies; and Latin American Studies. Gender and ethnic studies programs are important strengths given UNLV's status as a Minority Serving Institution, Hispanic Serving Institution, and Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution. ([Ref. ARSA-4](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes

**5. UNR – ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
PROPOSAL, OFFICE OF
ENTERPRISE & INNOVATION**

UNR requests approval of the new Office of Enterprise & Innovation (OEI), under which the following four existing university offices engaged in entrepreneurial activity will be located: Technology Licensing, Nevada Center for Applied Research (NCAR), the Innovation Center Powered by Switch (IC), and Nevada Industry Excellence (NVIE). The OEI will also be responsible for commercialization of university-created intellectual property; supporting industry through use of UNR shared research resources; and creating a space where students, faculty, and community members can obtain business mentoring and perform research and development activities. ([Ref. ARSA-5](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes

**6. UNR – ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
PROPOSAL, SCHOOL OF MEDICINE:
DEPARTMENTS OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE,
OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY, AND SURGERY**

UNR requests approval of three new clinical departments within the UNR School of Medicine (UNR Med): Emergency Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Surgery. These new departments are part of the transformation of medical education in Nevada, including the establishment of the UNLV School of Medicine and the expansion of UNR Med's educational programs in partnership with Renown Health. ([Refs. ARSA-6a](#), [ARSA-6b](#), and [ARSA 6c](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes

**7. 15 TO FINISH ENROLLMENT INFORMATION ONLY
INTENSITY AND
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT CAMPAIGN**

Vice Chancellor Crystal Abba will present an update on the Board's 15 to Finish enrollment intensity and student achievement campaign adopted in September 2013. The report will include data reflecting the status of the campaign in increasing the number of students taking 15 or more credits, as well as tracking students who accumulated at least 30 credits in their first year of enrollment and through degree or certificate completion. Reports on institutional efforts to support and promote the Board's 15 to Finish campaign will also be included. ([Refs. ARSA-7a](#) and [ARSA-7b](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 20 minutes

8. HANDBOOK REVISION, TRANSFER AND ARTICULATION **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Vice Chancellor Crystal Abba requests approval of revisions to Board policy governing transfer and articulation recommended under the [2015 Transfer and Articulation Audit](#) that was presented to and approved by the Committee at its June 9, 2016, meeting. Specifically, the revisions correct a conflict in Board policy to clarify that the year-by-year course outlines required in Board policy are intended to preserve the transferable associate's degree upon transfer to a four-year institution (*Title 4, Chapter 14, Section 15*). In addition, the revisions state that it is the policy of the Board of Regents to allow students options in selecting the catalog under which to graduate to assist students in graduating without excess credits or undue delay; give transfer students the option to graduate under the catalog year they initially enrolled at the two-year institution; and specify that students should consult with the appropriate entities before selecting the catalog under which to graduate to ensure compliance with any occupational or professional requirements or other post-graduation requirements (*Title 4, Chapter 14, Section 21, and Title 4, Chapter 16, Sections 17, 24 and 36*). ([Ref. ARSA-8](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 minutes

9. HANDBOOK REVISION, STUDENT ABSENCES FROM CLASS **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Vice Chancellor Crystal Abba requests the Committee's approval of a revision to Board policy authorizing institutions to adopt policies governing student absences (*Title 4, Chapter 20, Section A.3*). The policy revision specifies that students are expected to attend the classes in which they are enrolled unless absent for institutionally approved activities or other reasons allowed under institutional policy. ([Ref. ARSA-9](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes

10. HANDBOOK REVISION, PROCESS FOR APPROVING COMMUNITY COLLEGE BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROPOSALS **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Vice Chancellor Crystal Abba requests the Committee's approval of a revision to Board policy concerning the community college baccalaureate degree proposal development and review process (*Title 4, Chapter 14, Section 9*). Specifically, the revision deletes the requirement that the two university presidents and the state college president consider whether one of the four-year institutions wishes to offer the baccalaureate program proposed by a community college, and providing that if a university or the state college decides to offer this baccalaureate degree to meet the identified need, it shall have one year to bring a proposal forward. In addition, the revision requires that such proposals for a baccalaureate degree must be included in the *NSHE Planning Report* required pursuant to *Nevada Revised Statutes 396.505 and Title 4, Chapter 14, Section 3* of the *Handbook* before proceeding to the Council of Presidents. ([Ref. ARSA-10](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 15 minutes

11. NEW AND EXISTING PROGRAM REVIEW **INFORMATION ONLY**

Linda Heiss, Senior Director of Institutional Research, will present the first, third and fifth year new academic program reviews as mandated by Board policy (*Title 4, Chapter 14, Section 5*). Allison Combs, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, will present the report on institutional reviews of existing programs as mandated by Board policy (*Title 4, Chapter 14, Section 5*). In addition, representatives of UNLV and WNC will present the reviews conducted for at least one program at their respective institutions. The presentation by each institution shall include, but is not limited to, the institution's process for evaluating existing programs generally, indications of quality, whether the program is meeting employer expectations, improvements in student learning outcomes and any action steps identified based on the review of the program and the status of the action steps. ([Refs. ARSA-11a, ARSA-11b, ARSA-11c, and ARSA-11d](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 30 minutes

12. NSHE PLANNING REPORT/ ACADEMIC MASTER PLANS **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Vice Chancellor Crystal Abba will present for the Committee's approval the 2017-2021 *Planning Report* that highlights the strategic objectives for the next four years for each NSHE institution, including foreseeable plans for new academic programs, student services and research initiatives. ([Ref. ARSA-12](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 minutes

13. 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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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
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