

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

Sierra Building, Room 108
Truckee Meadows Community College
7000 Dandini Boulevard, Reno
Thursday, June 9, 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, 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 March 3, 2016, meeting. ([Ref. ARSA-2a](#))

**2b. TMCC – PROGRAM
ELIMINATION, AAS CIVIL
ENGINEERING PRACTITIONER**

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Truckee Meadows Community College requests approval to eliminate its Associate of Applied Science, Civil Engineering Practitioner, due to low enrollment. Program advisors have contacted affected students to assist them in completing the required courses necessary for the degree or to aid them in transitioning to a similar Associate of Science with an emphasis in Engineering. ([Ref. ARSA-2b](#))

2. CONSENT ITEMS – (Continued)

2c. NSC – ACADEMIC MASTER PLAN REVISION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Nevada State College requests approval of a revision to its Academic Master Plan, previously approved at the December 2014 meeting, to include among its planned programs a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies. ([Ref. ARSA-2c](#))

2d. UNLV – ACADEMIC MASTER PLAN REVISION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

University of Nevada, Las Vegas requests approval of a revision to its Academic Master Plan, previously approved at the December 2014 meeting, to include among its planned programs a Master of Education in Educational Policy and Leadership. ([Ref. ARSA-2d](#))

2e. UNR– ACADEMIC MASTER PLAN REVISION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

University of Nevada, Reno requests approval of a revision to its Academic Master Plan, previously approved at the December 2014 meeting, to include among its planned programs a Master of Physician Assistant Studies. ([Ref. ARSA-2e](#))

2f. UNR – PROGRAM DEACTIVATION, MA ELEMENTARY EDUCATION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

University of Nevada, Reno requests approval to deactivate its Master of Arts in Elementary Education due to low enrollment over an extended period of time. There are no students currently enrolled in the program. University of Nevada, Reno will continue to offer the Master of Science in Elementary Education Program. ([Ref. ARSA-2f](#))

2. CONSENT ITEMS – (Continued)

2g. UNR – PROGRAM DEACTIVATION M.Ed. COUNSELING AND EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

University of Nevada, Reno requests approval to deactivate its Master of Education in Counseling and Educational Psychology. The Counseling and Psychology program does not have the faculty to retain this degree following faculty retirements. There are no students currently enrolled in the program. ([Ref. ARSA-2g](#))

2h. HANDBOOK REVISION, FACULTY WORKLOAD FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Vice Chancellor Crystal Abba requests the Committee's approval of a revision to Board policy concerning faculty workload at community colleges to accommodate approved baccalaureate degrees that require community college faculty to teach upper division level courses, thus creating a differentiated workload (upper and lower division classes) for certain faculty members (*Title 4, Chapter 3, Section 3*). Specifically, the policy provides that community college presidents may approve a differentiated workload of 30 instructional units per year (or 15 units each semester) calculated at 1.25 instructional units per credit for faculty teaching upper division level courses. ([Ref. ARSA-2h](#))

2i. HANDBOOK REVISION, NATIONAL GUARD FEE WAIVER FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs Crystal Abba requests approval of a revision to Board policy concerning the National Guard fee waiver (*Title 4, Chapter 17, Section 12*) to clarify that the fee waiver applies to state-supported academic, credit bearing courses and does not apply to self-supporting courses. This policy revision reflects existing practice. ([Ref. ARSA-2i](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes

**3. CSN – PROGRAM PROPOSAL, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
BAS FIRE AND EMERGENCY
SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**

College of Southern Nevada requests approval of a Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Fire and Emergency Services Administration. This new program provides advanced educational opportunities for students with an AAS degree in Fire Science Technology Management who wish to further develop their managerial and technical skills. The new degree provides career promotional opportunities for fire service personnel through a clear academic pathway with stackable credentials. ([Ref. ARSA-3](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes

**4. NSC – PROGRAM PROPOSAL, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
BA COMMUNICATION STUDIES**

Nevada State College requests approval of a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies. The program will provide a solid foundation for future employment and/or post baccalaureate study in the field of communication or related career paths. The BA in Communication Studies responds to strong student demand in the field, and NSC's program offers a distinct approach to public relations and media studies that differentiates it from other programs within Nevada and nationwide. ([Ref. ARSA-4](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes

**5. NSC – PROGRAM PROPOSAL, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
BAS ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCE**

Nevada State College requests approval of a Bachelor of Applied Science in Allied Health Science. This 3+1 program created by CSN and NSC will provide an opportunity for students to pursue a 4-year degree in Allied Health Science after completing one of six health-related AAS degrees and a 1-year certificate at CSN. This proposal responds to a high demand for bachelor's degrees in the allied health field, and is based on models used at other institutions across the United States. ([Ref. ARSA-5](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes

**6. UNR – PROGRAM PROPOSAL, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
MASTER PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT
STUDIES (MPAS)**

University of Nevada, Reno requests approval of a Master of Physician Assistant Studies. The purpose of the program is to increase the number of providers in the Nevada primary care workforce who are trained specifically to satisfy health care shortages and to function effectively in health care teams. The demand for physician assistant training programs is on the rise nationally, and Nevada does not currently offer such a program at a Nevada System of Higher Education institution. ([Ref. ARSA-6](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes

**7. UNR– NEW ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
GLOBAL WATER CENTER:
SOLUTIONS FOR SUSTAINABILITY**

University of Nevada, Reno requests approval of the Global Water Center: Solutions for Sustainability in response to societal demands for creative, integrative approaches in solving complex issues related to water resources. The Center will provide a physical venue, organizational structure and collaborative culture to bring together experts from diverse disciplines across UNR, DRI and UNLV; nongovernmental organizations; and governmental agencies with the goal to solve large-scale and long-term problems related to water sustainability. ([Ref. ARSA-7](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes

**8. UNLV– PROGRAM PROPOSAL, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
M.Ed. EDUCATIONAL POLICY
AND LEADERSHIP**

University of Nevada, Las Vegas requests approval of a Master of Education in Educational Policy and Leadership. This program will prepare individuals for leadership and administrative roles in K-12 schools. The program responds to requests from the Clark County School District for highly qualified principals in anticipation of the need for 50 additional principals per year for the next five years due to district school growth, as well as retirements and attrition of current school leadership positions. ([Ref. ARSA-8](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes

9. UNLV– NEW ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT, ACKERMAN CENTER FOR AUTISM AND NEURODEVELOPMENT SOLUTIONS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

University of Nevada, Las Vegas requests approval of a new Ackerman Center for Autism and Neurodevelopment Solutions within the UNLV School of Medicine. The new Center will provide comprehensive diagnostic, treatment and intervention care for patients with autism and/or related neurodevelopment disorders; train physicians; provide training and support for multidisciplinary teams and underserved intervention services; and advance research. ([Ref. ARSA-9](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes

10. UNLV– NEW ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT, WILLIAM F. HARRAH COLLEGE OF HOTEL ADMINISTRATION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

University of Nevada, Las Vegas requests approval of three new departments within the William F. Harrah College of Hotel Administration: Resort, Gaming and Golf Management; Food and Beverage and Event Management; and Hospitality Management. Establishment of these departments will return the College of Hotel Administration to a model of shared governance and provide a sustainable distribution of administrative responsibility and authority. ([Ref. ARSA-10](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes

11. HANDBOOK REVISION, MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIP FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Vice Chancellor Crystal Abba requests the Committee’s approval of a revision to Board policy concerning the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship (*Title 4, Chapter 18, Sections 9.6, 9.9 and 9.11*). Specifically, the policy aligns Board policy with the federal regulations to specify that Millennium Scholarship funds cannot be used to pay for courses that do not apply toward the requirements for a student’s selected program of study. ([Ref. ARSA-11](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes

12. HANDBOOK REVISION AND REPORT ON PHASE II OF THE NSHE TASK FORCE ON GATEWAY MATHEMATICS SUCCESS **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Vice Chancellor Crystal Abba will present an update on the implementation phase of the NSHE Task Force on Gateway Mathematics Success. The update will include presentation of action plans and establishment of data benchmarks that will be utilized to measure implementation progress for each of the teaching institutions. In addition, Vice Chancellor Abba will present for the Committee's approval a revision to Board policy concerning the continuous enrollment requirements under the Board's policy governing placement into college-level mathematics and English courses that provides needed flexibility to the institutions to implement the policy (*Title 4, Chapter 16, Section 1*). ([Refs. ARSA-12a](#), [ARSA-12b](#) and [ARSA-12c](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 20 minutes

13. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS, TRANSFER AND ARTICULATION AUDIT **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Vice Chancellor Crystal Abba will present for approval the report and recommendations from the 2015 Transfer and Articulation Audit requested by the Committee in March 2015. The audit focused on the Board policy governing transfer and articulation, the student experience and how the transfer process supports student success. Should the Committee approve the recommendations of the report, the policy revisions will come back to a future Committee meeting. ([Refs. ARSA-13a](#) and [ARSA-13b](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 20 minutes

14. 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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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
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