

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

Rogers Student Center, Innovation Commons
Nevada State College
1021 East Paradise Hills Drive, Henderson
Thursday, March 3, 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 I, 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/>

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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 3, 2015, meeting. ([Ref. ARSA-2a](#))

**2b. UNR – PROGRAM
DEACTIVATION, MA IN
SECONDARY EDUCATION**

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

UNR requests approval to deactivate its Master of Arts in Secondary Education which over an extended time has experienced low enrollment. There are no students currently enrolled in the program and future students in this field can enroll in the Master of Science in Secondary Education. ([Ref. ARSA-2b](#))

2. CONSENT ITEMS – (continued)

2c. UNLV – ACADEMIC **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
MASTER PLAN REVISION

UNLV requests approval of a revision to its Academic Master Plan, previously approved at the December 2014 meeting, to include among its planned programs an Executive Master of Health Care Administration (EMHA).
[\(Ref. ARSA-2c\)](#)

2d. WNC – ACADEMIC **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
MASTER PLAN REVISION

WNC requests approval of a revision to its Academic Master Plan, previously approved at the December 2014 meeting, to include among its planned programs an Associate of Business.
[\(Ref. ARSA-2d\)](#)

2e. **HANDBOOK REVISION,** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
RESIDENCY
DETERMINATIONS

Vice Chancellor Crystal Abba requests the Committee's approval of a revision to Board policy concerning residency determinations. Specifically, the policy revision clarifies that an individual may be deemed a resident student based on the student or the student's family relocating to Nevada for the primary purpose of full-time employment "in Nevada" or to establish a business in and "living in Nevada". In addition, the policy adds "in Nevada" to the definition of "relocated" for purposes of residency determinations (*Title 4, Chapter 15, Sections 2 and 4*). [\(Ref. ARSA-2e\)](#)

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes

3. TMCC – NEW ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT, CENTER FOR APPLIED LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

TMCC requests approval of a new Center for Applied Logistics Management (CALM) that will bridge the academic and professional realms of logistics. The Center will provide a location for parties to collaborate and respond to government and industry stakeholders' need for the creation and dissemination of practical, cutting-edge, interdisciplinary knowledge and technologies to advance logistics, trade, transportation and warehousing/distribution, as well as to foster economic development.

[\(Ref. ARSA-3\)](#)

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes

4. WNC – NEW DEGREE, ASSOCIATE OF BUSINESS **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

WNC requests approval of an Associate of Business degree. This program will give students an opportunity to obtain a degree that will transfer directly to a four year institution and will complement the existing Associate of Applied Science in Business. [\(Ref. ARSA-4\)](#)

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

5. GBC – NEW PROGRAM, BA IN SOCIAL SCIENCE **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

GBC requests approval of a new Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Science. The degree offers students with a completed Associate of Arts degree an opportunity to pursue a more recognizable baccalaureate degree in social science at GBC. The program has social science disciplines of Anthropology, History, Political Science and Psychology at its core and will provide students with vital skills and expertise in critical analysis and communication. Further, the program will prepare students for a variety of careers and post-graduate programs. [\(Ref. ARSA-5\)](#)

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

**6. GBC – NEW PROGRAM, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
BA IN NATURAL RESOURCES**

GBC requests approval of a new Bachelor of Arts degree in Natural Resources. The new degree is designed to build on completed Associate of Science or Associate of Arts degrees with appropriate lower division prerequisites from any regionally accredited institution of higher education. Completion of this program will provide graduates with opportunities for employment in a wide range of job types in land management and environmental consulting, and as biological technicians and laboratory technicians. The degree will also function as a gateway into graduate school in resource-related disciplines. ([Ref. ARSA-6](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

**7. UNR – NEW PROGRAM, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
BS IN BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING**

UNR requests approval of a new Bachelor of Science degree in Biomedical Engineering. The curriculum for the degree provides students with an interdisciplinary education that includes a strong background in math, science and electrical engineering. The program provides students with a firm foundation in electrical engineering fundamentals while teaching them how these principles are applied in biomedical engineering. ([Ref. ARSA-7](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

**8. UNLV – NEW PROGRAM, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
EXECUTIVE MASTER OF
HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION**

UNLV requests approval of a new Executive Master of Health Care Administration (EMHA) in the School of Community Health Sciences. The degree is designed for people with a minimum of three years of experience in administrative or managerial health care positions, five years of professional experience or health care professionals with terminal degrees in health care. Because of their work experience the number of credits required for this degree will be fewer in comparison to the current Master of Health Care Administration (MHA) offered by the department. Accelerated or reduced credit programs are the norm for most executive degree programs. This program allows full-time health care professionals the opportunity to take courses in an online setting and better meet the commitments required by their profession while completing their degree sooner. ([Ref. ARSA-8](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

9. ENSURING QUALITY PROGRAMS WITHIN NSHE INSTITUTIONS AND HANDBOOK REVISION, EXISTING PROGRAM REVIEWS **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

The NSHE Academic Affairs Council will present how NSHE institutions are evaluating and ensuring quality academic programs. The presentation will include information on interactions with local employers, evaluation of student success and the accreditation process as they relate to ensuring program integrity. In addition, Vice Chancellor Crystal Abba will request the Committee's approval of a revision to Board Policy concerning the annual report of the institutions' existing program reviews to require selected institutions to present more detailed information on their program reviews (*Handbook, Title 4, Chapter 14, Section 5*). ([Ref. ARSA-9a](#) and [ARSA-9b](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 25 minutes

10. BUILDING OUT THE STATEWIDE MISSION OF NSC **INFORMATION ONLY**

NSC President Bart Patterson will present a statewide vision for NSC and an expansion of its role in providing students the opportunity to earn high-quality baccalaureate degrees at a lower cost to the state and student than at a university. This vision includes 2+2 degree pathways and 3+1 degree pathways and also builds on the mission of NSC to offer quality, affordable four-year degree programs. These efforts open the door to career success and enhanced quality of life for a diverse population of students and further support Nevada's Complete College America Goals. ([Ref. ARSA-10a](#) and [ARSA 10b](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 40 minutes

11. 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 2016 Regents' awards. ([Ref.ARSA-11a](#), [ARSA-11b](#), [ARSA-11c](#), [ARSA-11d](#) and [ARSA 11-e](#))

- a. Nevada Regents' Creative Activities Award
Lindsay Wilson, TMCC (Community College)
Eunkang Koh, UNR (University, State College)
- b. Nevada Regents' Teaching Award
Dr. Engrid Barnett, TMCC (Community College)
Dr. Andrew Spivak, UNLV (University, State College and DRI)
- c. Nevada Regents' Academic Advisor Awards
Dr. Natalie Brown, TMCC (Community College)
Stacy Shapin, UNLV (Undergraduate)
Dr. James Brusser, UNLV (Graduate)
- d. Nevada Regents' Researcher Award
Dr. Lawrence Walker, UNLV
- e. Nevada Regents' Rising Researcher Award
Dr. Elizabeth Hausrath, UNLV
Dr. Henry Fu, UNR
Dr. Adam C. Watts, DRI

FISCAL IMPACT: \$46,000. Each recipient of the Regents' Creative Activities Award, Regents' Teaching Award, Regents' Academic Advisor Award, and Regents' Researcher Award receives an award of \$5,000. Each recipient of the Rising Research Award receives an award of \$2,000 paid by recipient's institution directly to the approved recipient. Each NSHE campus shares the costs of funding the remaining 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 minutes

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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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