

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

Joe Crowley Student Union, Milt Glick Ballroom A
University of Nevada, Reno
87 West Stadium Way, Reno
Thursday, September 8, 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

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1. PUBLIC COMMENT

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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 June 9, 2016, meeting. ([Ref. ARSA-2a](#))

**2b. UNLV – PROGRAM
ELIMINATION, BS/BA
ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES**

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

UNLV requests approval to eliminate its Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies. Relevant courses for these two programs are being subsumed into the existing Bachelor of Science in Public Administration, and the curriculum for that degree is being updated. Students currently enrolled in the program will be allowed to complete their degrees. ([Ref. ARSA-2b](#))

2. CONSENT ITEMS – (Continued)

**2c. UNLV - PROGRAM FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
DEACTIVATION, Ph.D.
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
AND ORGANIZATIONAL
LEADERSHIP**

UNLV requests approval to deactivate its Ph.D. in Workforce Development and Organizational Leadership. With the evolution in the field of organizational leadership, the existing degree and community needs are not aligned. Students currently enrolled in the program will be allowed to complete their degrees. ([Ref. ARSA-2c](#))

**2d. UNLV – ORGANIZATIONAL FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
UNIT ELIMINATION, CENTER
FOR EDUCATION POLICY STUDIES**

UNLV requests approval to eliminate its Center for Education Policy Studies that is no longer funded and has not been operational since the retirement of its director. ([Ref. ARSA-2d](#))

**2e. UNLV– NEW FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT,
CENTER FOR MIGRATION,
DEMOGRAPHY AND POPULATION
STUDIES**

UNLV requests approval of a new Center for Migration, Demography and Population Studies (CMDP). Currently, there is no research devoted to the study of migration, demography and population changes at any of the universities or institutions of higher education in the Mountain West. With its population growth and demographic diversity due to migration, southern Nevada is an ideal location for the CMDP. ([Ref. ARSA-2e](#))

2. CONSENT ITEMS – (Continued)

**2f. UNR – PROGRAM FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
DEACTIVATION, MS
SECONDARY EDUCATION**

UNR requests approval to deactivate its Master of Science in Secondary Education due to low enrollment in the program. New students will be advised to enroll in another master’s program in the College of Education. ([Ref. ARSA-2f](#))

**2g. UNR – ORGANIZATIONAL FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
UNIT CHANGE, ORVIS
SCHOOL OF NURSING**

UNR requests approval to change its Orvis School of Nursing (OSN) from an academic unit within the Division of Health Sciences to a free-standing academic program. Based on its enrollment growth over the past decade, the success in student and faculty outcomes, and its increased reputation locally and nationally, the Orvis School of Nursing is well-situated for such a transition to a freestanding academic unit with a dean. The OSN is the only nursing program in the NSHE headed by a director instead of a dean. The proposed change is consistent with best practices for schools of nursing at research universities, and a “deanship” would allow for a “seat at the table” at state and national events that are critical when negotiating legal and political concerns within the nursing profession. ([Ref. ARSA-2g](#))

**2h. UNR – NEW FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT,
NEVADA INSTITUTE FOR
SUSTAINABILITY**

UNR requests approval for the creation of the Nevada Institute for Sustainability (NIS) that will be involved in research on enhancing and improving the efficiency and safety of existing power plants and the development and commercialization of efficient, less-polluting energy technologies for the future. The NIS will bring together faculty members from various departments at UNR and partner with external members from national laboratories, other institutions, and industry to ensure that the cutting-edge research and education programs are both relevant and globally competitive. ([Ref. ARSA-2h](#))

2. CONSENT ITEMS – (Continued)

2i. CSN – ACADEMIC MASTER PLAN REVISION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

CSN 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 Applied Science in Facility Maintenance and Manufacturing. ([Ref. ARSA-2i](#))

2j. TMCC – ACADEMIC MASTER PLAN REVISION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

TMCC 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 Applied Science in Construction and Design. ([Ref. ARSA-2j](#))

2k. HANDBOOK REVISION, SAT CONCORDANCE SCORES FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Vice Chancellor Crystal Abba requests approval of a revision to Board policy concerning the concordant SAT scores for the SAT tests administered in March 2016 and later. The College Board recently redesigned its SAT Suite of Assessments, which includes the SAT. The proposed revision will include concordant scores for the new SAT where such scores are currently utilized in Board policy, including for placement into gateway English and mathematics courses (*Title 4, Chapter 16, Section 1*), university admissions (*Title 4, Chapter 16, Section 4*), and eligibility for the Millennium Scholarship (*Title 4, Chapter 18, Sections 9.2.1, 9.3.1, and 9.4*). ([Ref. ARSA-2k](#))

2l. HANDBOOK REVISION, CATALOG SELECTION FOR GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Vice Chancellor Crystal Abba requests approval of a revision to Board policy governing the catalogs under which a student may elect to graduate from a university or the state college. Currently, this policy allows case-by-case exceptions for transfer students. The revision expands the authorization to make exceptions on a case-by-case basis to all students instead of limiting such exceptions to transfer students (*Title 4, Chapter 16, Sections 17 and 37*). ([Ref. ARSA-2l](#))

2. **CONSENT ITEMS – (Continued)**

2m. **HANDBOOK REVISION, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
CONTRACTS FOR
INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**

Vice Chancellor Crystal Abba requests approval of a revision to Board policy authorizing the institutions to negotiate and enter into contracts with publishers, bookstores, and/or similar providers and vendors to allow instructional materials to be offered to students at a reduced cost. While the institutions currently may enter into such agreements, such authorization is not explicitly stated in the Board's *Handbook*. Including the language within the Board's policy governing instructional materials (*Title 4, Chapter 14, Section 29*) will make clear that such transactions are permissible and supported by the Board. ([Ref. ARSA-2m](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes

3. **UNR – PROGRAM PROPOSAL, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
Ph.D. MATHEMATICS**

UNR requests approval of a Doctor of Philosophy in Mathematics to offer an advanced degree in a STEM discipline for students interested in pursuing careers in banking, insurance, engineering, computing, research and development, finance, and data analysis. Employment for mathematicians, especially those with advanced degrees is expected to increase by 23 percent by 2022, and this program will help train Nevada students to take advantage of these career opportunities in Nevada and around the country. ([Ref. ARSA-3](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes

4. **UNR – PROGRAM PROPOSAL, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
Ph.D. STATISTICS AND DATA SCIENCE**

UNR requests approval of a Doctor of Philosophy in Statistics and Data Science. The program will emphasize interdisciplinary collaborative research, which is intrinsic to Statistics and Data Science, and will build research and computational skills to position students to be competitive in pursuing careers in academia, pharmaceutical companies and research institutions. ([Ref. ARSA-4](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes

**5. UNR – PROGRAM PROPOSAL, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
BA DANCE**

UNR requests approval of a Bachelor of Arts in Dance that will allow students to engage in the rigorous physical practice of dance training, while simultaneously developing a deep understanding of the historical, cultural and performative lineage that underpins the field of dance. Students pursuing this major will gain skills necessary to enter the field as dance practitioners, educators, administrators and/or scholars. ([Ref. ARSA-5](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes

**6. UNR – ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT CHANGE, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE,
BIOTECHNOLOGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

UNR requests approval of the consolidation of the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources (CABNR), the Nevada Agricultural Experiment Station (NAES), and the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension (UNCE) into one administrative structure reporting to the Dean of CABNR. Currently, CABNR and NAES report to a single dean and director, while the UNCE is a separate entity with its own dean and director. This consolidation responds to a 2012 directive from the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) indicating that land-grant universities are expected by the federal government to have Agricultural Experiment Stations (AES) and Cooperative Extension (CE) programs that are very closely aligned and “integrated.” The NIFA directive for “integrated” CE and AES programs is based on its desire to encourage institutions to align their programs more accurately with their research and extension activities, and to demonstrate effective partnership and leveraging in the use of federal grant dollars. While the directive does not require the consolidation of these units, the administrative consolidation of NAES, UNCE, and CABNR is expected to greatly improve their ability to work together. ([Ref. ARSA-6](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 15 minutes

7. CSN – PROGRAM PROPOSAL, AAS FACILITY MAINTENANCE AND MANUFACTURING **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

CSN requests approval of an Associate of Applied Science in Facility Maintenance and Manufacturing that will assist students pursuing employment in this industry in southern Nevada as provided for under the Workforce Innovations for a New Nevada (WINN) Act. The manufacturing sector in southern Nevada is currently experiencing tremendous growth, and this program will respond to the need for a skilled workforce in facility maintenance and manufacturing to fulfill the high demands of employers.

[\(Ref. ARSA-7\)](#)

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes

8. TMCC – PROGRAM PROPOSAL, AAS CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

TMCC requests approval of an Associate of Applied Science in Construction and Design. Responding to recommendations from the Nevada State Board of Architects, the Nevada State Board of Landscape Architects and the 2014-15 TMCC Architectural Program Unit Review, this program will prepare students for entry level and professional positions in construction and design and offer advanced studies in this field. [\(Ref. ARSA-8\)](#)

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes

9. 2014-15 NSHE FINANCIAL AID REPORT AND SILVER STATE OPPORTUNITY GRANT PROGRAM **INFORMATION ONLY**

Vice Chancellor Crystal Abba and Director of Student Affairs Renee Davis will present highlights from the 2014-15 *NSHE Financial Aid Report* including information on financial aid programs and awards distributed across the System. The report will also include an update on the Silver State Opportunity Grant Program created by the 2015 Nevada Legislature.

[\(Refs. ARSA-9a and ARSA-9b\)](#)

ESTIMATED TIME: 15 minutes

10. HANDBOOK REVISION, DUAL AND EARLY ENROLLMENT FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Vice Chancellor Crystal Abba requests approval of a revision to Board policy concerning early and dual enrollment of high school students (*Title 4, Chapter 16, Sections 2, 8, and 28, and Title 4, Chapter 17, Section 12*). Specifically, the proposed revision asserts the NSHE's commitment to working with the secondary education community to help prepare students for post-secondary education and the workforce, including providing opportunities for earning college-level credit while in high school. The revisions broaden existing authority so that institutions may offer programs and courses, including distance education courses, to high school students at a reduced registration fee that still covers the costs of the course or program. The revisions also define various terms, including high school student, dual enrollment and early enrollment. In addition, a report on the dual enrollment programs currently offered by NSHE institutions will be presented. ([Ref. ARSA-10](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes

11. HANDBOOK REVISION, UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs Brooke Nielsen requests approval of revisions to Board policy governing unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) (*Title 4, Chapter 1, new Section 34*). Specifically, the proposed policy requires compliance with federal and state laws, and any other locally applicable laws or regulations regarding UAS. Board policy and procedures subsequently adopted by the institutions would further define the requirements for the use and operation of UAS on campuses by faculty, staff and students, including registration/approval of UAS vehicles on campus; restrictions on UAS flights over sporting and other outdoor events; use for research; and third-party requests for flights over campus, as well as flexibility to address other operations of UAS as necessary. In addition, the proposed provisions include sanctions for violations of Board policy and specify that fines or damages incurred by individuals, institutional departments or units that do not comply with the policy will not be paid by the NSHE and will be the responsibility of those persons involved. ([Ref. ARSA-11](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes

12. HANDBOOK REVISION, NSHE INTERNAL TRANSCRIPT EXCHANGES FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Vice Chancellor Crystal Abba requests approval of a revision to Board policy eliminating the fees associated with electronic transcript exchanges between NSHE institutions (*Title 4, Chapter 17, Section 21 and new Section 22*). The proposed revisions prohibit institutions from charging students a fee for electronic transfers of transcript data between NSHE institutions and further authorize institutions to establish protocols for the exchange of electronic transcript data for the purpose of facilitating transfer admission, reverse transfer, supplemental enrollment evaluation, graduation and similar activities, provided student consent is obtained in compliance with the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and *Nevada Revised Statutes 396.535*. ([Ref. ARSA-12](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 minutes

13. HANDBOOK AND PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES MANUAL REVISIONS, REGISTERED OFFENDERS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Vice Chancellor Brooke Nielsen requests approval of a policy concerning registered offenders (*Title 4, Chapter 1, new Section 34*). Specifically, the policy establishes the NSHE's commitment to promoting a safe and secure environment at all of its institutions and requires institutions to comply with federal and state law and policies set forth by the Board of Regents governing registered offenders, who are defined to include any individual required to register as a sex offender or an offender convicted of a crime against a child. Based on the nature of the offense and risk level of the registered offender, the policy authorizes institutions to deny admission, revoke admission, limit enrollment and/or restrict the activities of a student, employee or other individuals on the campus who are registered offenders. The policy also requires each president to develop procedures governing these activities and requires registered offenders to self-identify to the institution. Related policy revisions are included under Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 12, to require presidents to designate institutional representatives to coordinate with law enforcement agencies. Finally, the revisions delete related provisions under Chapter 4, Section 12 of the *Procedures and Guidelines Manual*, which are now outdated. ([Ref. ARSA-13](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes

14. HANDBOOK AND PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES MANUAL REVISIONS, ELIMINATION OF GEOGRAPHIC SERVICE AREAS **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Vice Chancellor Crystal Abba requests approval of a revision to Board policy eliminating the geographic service areas defined under the Board's policy governing distance education and references to service areas in other areas of Board policy, along with making related technical changes (*Title 4, Chapter 14, Sections 2, 3, 4 and 13; Title 4, Chapter 16, Sections 13, 22 and 33; and Title 4, Chapter 17, Section 17 of the Handbook, and Chapter 2, Section 2 and Chapter 17, Sections 1 and 2 of the Procedures and Guidelines Manual*). This proposal is brought forward at the request of the Committee during its June 9, 2016, meeting. ([Ref. ARSA-14](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes

15. NSHE SPONSORED FUNDING REPORT **INFORMATION ONLY**

Lori Brazfield, Director of the NSHE Sponsored Programs Office, will present highlights from the 2014-15 *NSHE Sponsored Funding Annual Report*. The report will include information on sponsored program awards and expenditures for all NSHE institutions. ([Refs. ARSA-15a](#) and [ARSA-15b](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 15 minutes

16. 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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