

**BOARD OF REGENTS
BRIEFING PAPER**

1. AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Handbook Revision: Clarification on Regents' Teaching Awards

MEETING DATE: November 29, 2018, ARSA Meeting

2. BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:

At its June 2018 meeting, the Board of Regents approved a revision to Board policy to expand the Regents' Teaching awards from two awards to four awards (*Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 19* of the *Handbook*). With this expansion, two Regents Teaching Awards are available for faculty members at each institution type (four-year and two-year institutions): one for those who are tenured/tenure track and a second one for those who are not tenured/tenure track. (*Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 19*). A technical change to delete an "or" should have been included in the June policy revision to clarify that the eligibility requirements for faculty members for the tenure/tenure track awards include providing "instruction as their primary assignment." This policy revision is now submitted for clarification consistent with the original intent.

3. SPECIFIC ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED OR REQUESTED:

Amend *Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 19*, to clarify that eligibility for each of the Regents Teaching Award includes providing instruction as a faculty member's primary assignment. See the attached policy revision.

4. IMPETUS (WHY NOW?):

The System Office requests the revision to clarify the policy language consistent with the original intent.

5. CHECK THE NSHE STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL THAT IS SUPPORTED BY THIS REQUEST:

- Access (Increase participation in post-secondary education)
- Success (Increase student success)
- Close the Achievement Gap (Close the achievement gap among underserved student populations)
- Workforce (Collaboratively address the challenges of the workforce and industry education needs of Nevada)
- Research (Co-develop solutions to the critical issues facing 21st century Nevada and raise the overall research profile)
- Not Applicable to NSHE Strategic Plan Goals

INDICATE HOW THE PROPOSAL SUPPORTS THE SPECIFIC STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL

Not applicable.

6. BULLET POINTS TO SUPPORT REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

- The technical revision is necessary to clarify the eligibility criteria for the Regents' Teaching Awards.

7. POTENTIAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

None have been submitted.

8. ALTERNATIVE(S) TO WHAT IS BEING REQUESTED/RECOMMENDED:

None have been submitted.

9. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE:

The Chancellor's Office recommends approval.

10. COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY:

- Consistent With Current Board Policy: Title # _____ Chapter # _____ Section # _____
 - Amends Current Board Policy: Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 19.
 - Amends Current Procedures & Guidelines Manual: Chapter # _____ Section # _____
 - Other: _____
 - Fiscal Impact: Yes _____ No X
- Explain: _____

POLICY PROPOSAL
TITLE 4, CHAPTER 1, SECTION 19
Clarification – Eligibility Requirements for Regents Teaching Award

Additions appear in *boldface italics*; deletions are [~~stricken~~ and bracketed]

Section 19. Nevada Regents' Teaching Award

1. The Nevada Regents' Teaching Award shall be given annually to NSHE faculty members with distinguished records of teaching. The award will carry with it a cash stipend of \$5,000.
2. Four awards will be granted annually.
 - a. Full-time faculty who are tenured or tenure track ~~[or]~~ who provide instruction as their primary assignment at UNLV, UNR, or NSC – and DRI faculty who provide instruction as part of their regular assignment – are eligible for one award.
 - b. Full-time faculty who are not tenured or tenure track who provide instruction as part of their regular assignments at DRI or who provide instruction as their primary assignments at UNLV, UNR, and NSC are eligible for one award.
 - c. Full-time faculty who are tenured or tenure track ~~[or]~~ who provide instruction as their primary assignment at CSN, GBC, TMCC, and WNC are eligible for one award.
 - d. Full-time faculty who are not tenured or tenure track who provide instruction as their primary assignment at CSN, GBC, TMCC, and WNC are eligible for one award.

Although these awards are intended for individuals, groups who by their collaboration have made outstanding instructional contributions may be recognized as well.

3. Faculty members who receive the Regents' Teaching Award may use the title as such in perpetuity.
4. Guidelines for the nomination and selection of the recipients of the Nevada Regents' Teaching Award shall be established by the office of the Chancellor.