

BOARD OF REGENTS BRIEFING PAPER

1. AGENDA ITEM TITLE: New Policy: Notice to Board of Certain Federal Matters
MEETING DATE: April 12, 2019

2. BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:

Title 2, Chapter 1, Section 1.2.3 provides that it is the responsibility of the Board of Regents “to control and manage the Nevada System of Higher Education, primarily by setting policy.” At the February 28/March 1, 2019, quarterly meeting, concerns were expressed by several Regents regarding their access to timely notice and information regarding communications between the administrative offices of NSHE and its institutions and federal agencies and officials on certain federal policy matters concerning higher education.

3. SPECIFIC ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED OR REQUESTED:

A new policy to be codified in Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 39 of the Handbook is being proposed that will require that the Board be “promptly provided a copy of any written public comments submitted by an NSHE institution, or the Office of the Chancellor, to any federal agency or official regarding the proposed adoption, repeal, or amendment of any federal policy, regulation, or statute.”

4. IMPETUS (WHY NOW?):

To be responsive to concerns raised by Regents at the previous Board meeting.

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

Not Applicable to NSHE Strategic Plan Goals

INDICATE HOW THE PROPOSAL SUPPORTS THE SPECIFIC STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL

N/A

6. BULLET POINTS TO SUPPORT REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

- The new notice policy will facilitate greater communication between NSHE, the institutions, and the Board of Regents.
- Greater communication will strengthen the ability of the Board of Regents to deliberate on issues, provide direction to NSHE, and ensure its positions are accurately represented on federal policy matters.

7. POTENTIAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

It will place additional responsibilities on NSHE and the institutions.

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

Maintain the status quo.

9. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CHANCELLOR’S OFFICE:

Approve the new policy statement.

10. COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY:

- Consistent With Current Board Policy: Title 2, Chapter 1, Section 1.2.3
- Amends Current Board Policy: Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 39
- Amends Current Procedures & Guidelines Manual: Chapter # _____ Section # _____
- Other: _____
- Fiscal Impact: Yes _____ No X
Explain: _____

POLICY PROPOSAL - HANDBOOK
TITLE 4, CHAPTER 1, NEW SECTION 39

Notice to Board of Public Comments on Certain Federal Matters

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

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