



2019 Legislative Overview





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Session Communications

Weekly meetings with campus reps

Weekly meetings with Board leadership

Weekly updates to Board members

Campus days

End of session planning
retreat



Policy Updates

Campus Days at the Legislature



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Prison Education

CSN Prison Education Pilot Program was established through Senate Bill 306 during the 2017 legislative session

New funding will support programs at CSN, WNC and TMCC



State-Supported Financial Aid Programs

Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship

- Merit-based scholarship program for Nevada high school graduates
- SB453 – Changes GPA from 2.60 to 2.75 to maintain scholarship
- SB548 – appropriates \$33M the scholarship fund
- Updates will require handbook revision

Governor Guinn Memorial Scholarship

- Awarded to two students each year who meet the criteria
- SB414 – expands number of recipients statewide from 2 to 4

Silver State Opportunity Grant Program

- The state's first state-supported, need-based financial aid program
- AB 155 – allows for students with less than 15 credits but more than 12 credits to received funds after all students at 15 credits are awarded
- Updates will require handbook revision
- AB 543 – appropriates \$10M for biennium

Promise Scholarship Program

Last-dollar program for high school graduates to attend community colleges

SB350 - Technical updates to Promise

- 8 hours of community service (from 20)
- Adds alternative determination for financial need
- if students prohibited from completing FAFSA
- After all FAFSA completers are awarded
- Cleans up other language
- Updates will require handbook revision

SB503 – appropriates \$4.5M for the biennium

Financial Aid Initiatives Not Passed

Battleborn Scholarship Program

- Would have created a need-based state scholarship for university students
- Based on the interim AB202 committee recommendations

Promise Reconnect

- Would have created a scholarship program for non-high school students for 3-6 credits paid at community colleges

Other NSHE Related Legislation

Governance

- AJR5 – Takes NSHE out of Nevada Constitution as separate entity (passed)
- AB350 – Would have restructured NSHE to director-level department (not heard)
- SB354 – Would have reduced number of regents and made board hybrid (failed)

Workforce and Research

- WINN Fund
 - Gov Rec: \$4M first year; \$0 second year
 - Leg Approved: \$4M FY20; \$2M FY21
- Knowledge Fund
 - Gov Rec: \$5M each year
 - Leg Approved: \$2.5M FY20; \$0 FY21)

Salary Scale/Compression (SB214)

Collective Bargaining (SB135, SB459)

Prevailing Wage (AB136, AB190, AB196)



Other NSHE Related Legislation

Purple Heart Fee Waivers

- AB 427 – Requires fee waivers for Purple Heart recipients
- Handbook revision

Veteran Graduate Fee Waivers

- AB 429 – Allows for fee waivers for veterans for graduate studies

Public Records

- AB 70 - Revises provisions governing public records
- AB 287 - Revises provisions governing public records

Budget Updates

Board of Regents Funding Requests

- **Formula Caseload Growth**

—\$21.13M FY20 | \$21.13M FY21

- **Capacity Building**

—\$18.2M FY20 | \$22.45M FY21

- **Summer School Funding**

—\$15.4M FY21

- **New Performance Pool**

—\$7.5M FY21

- **UNLV School of Medicine Ramp-Up**

—\$4.2M FY20 | \$10.1M FY21

- **Prison Education Program**

—\$0.15M FY20 | \$0.15M FY21

Governor Recommended NSHE Funding

- **Formula Caseload Growth**

—\$21.32M FY20 | \$21.32M FY21

- **Capacity Building**

—\$18.2M FY20 | \$22.45M FY21

- **UNLV School of Medicine Ramp-Up**

—\$4.2M FY20 | \$10.1M FY21

- **Prison Education Program**

—\$0.36M FY20 | \$0.40M FY21

- **Nevada Teach Program**

—\$0.30 FY 20

Legislative Approved NSHE Funding

- **Formula Caseload Growth**

- \$20.93M FY20 | \$20.93M FY21
- Reduction: \$0.39M each year

- **Capacity Building**

- \$8.8M FY20 | \$10.95M FY21
- Reduction: \$9.4M and \$11.50M

- **UNLV School of Medicine Ramp-Up**

- \$4.2M FY20 | \$10.1M FY21

- **Prison Education Program**

- \$0.36M FY20 | \$0.40M FY2

Legislative Approved NSHE Funding

- **Eliminate UNLV Research O&M Base Funding**

—\$1.7M FY 20 | \$1.7M FY 21

- **Eliminate One-Time CTE Course Funding**

—\$3.1M FY 20 | \$3.1M FY 21

- **Eliminate One-Time DRI Inflation**

—\$0.19M FY 20 | \$0.19M FY 21

- **Reduce Dental School General Fund**

—\$0.29M FY 20 | \$0.29M FY 21

Capital Improvement Projects

Board of Regents' Request and Prioritization

Construction:

1. NSC Education Building - \$62 M (\$56M State; \$6M NSC)
2. CSN Health and Sciences Building - \$77M (\$71 M State; \$6M CSN/NSC)
3. UNLV Engineering Academic and Research Building - \$66M (\$33 M State; \$33M UNLV/Donor)

Planning:

1. GBC Welding Lab Expansion - \$524,000 (\$489,000 State; \$35,000 GBC)
2. UNLV Science Academic-Research Building - \$6.8M (\$3.8M State; \$3M UNLV)
3. WNC Marlette Hall Refurbishment - \$105,000 State
4. TMCC/DRI Science Solutions Center - \$5 M State
5. CSN Northwest Campus - \$4 M State
6. UNR Life Sciences Building - \$6 M
 1. (\$3M State, \$3M UNR/Donor)
7. NSC Water Tank - \$416,000 State

Capital Improvement Projects

Governor Recommended & Legislature Approved

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 - \$56M State; \$6M NSC
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Added Projects (SB528; June 3):

1. UNLV Engineering Building CIP Project - \$20M
2. GBC CIP Planning Welding Project - \$459,000
3. WNC CIP Planning Renovation Project - \$105,000

Compensation-related Requests

AB 202 (2017) Interim Recommendations Not Funded

- Summary of Salary Study Findings: ~\$90M to address compression
- System-wide plan for addressing the issue
- Target next 3 sessions, 1/3 of amount each session
- 2019-2021 Goal: \$30M per FY
- \$20 M State; \$10 M Institutional Funds

Language updated in appropriation bill (AB543)

- Statement that funds appropriated to NSHE could not be used for professional merit increases has been removed from appropriation bill language to allow NSHE to decide

COLA – 3% on July 1, 2019 (AB542)

Authorizations/Appropriations Act

- **SB 553 – Authorizations Act (2019) – Sec. 11.** Authorized the Nevada System of Higher Education to expend increases in non-resident tuition, registration fee, and miscellaneous student fee revenues without Interim Finance Committee approval, regardless of how the increased revenue is to be expended.
- **SB 553 – Authorizations Act (2019) – Sec. 22.** Authorized the Nevada System of Higher Education to balance forward any unexpended non-General Fund revenues to the next fiscal year for authorized purposes.
- **AB 543 Appropriation Act (2019) - Sec. 59.** Authorized the transfer of General Fund appropriations between the Nevada System of Higher Education's state-supported operating budgets subject to the recommendation of the Governor and the approval of the Interim Finance Committee.

Non-Formula Budget Enhancements

Institution	FY 20	FY 21	Total
1. Prison Education Program*	\$416,742	\$459,051	\$875,793
2. UNR Cooperative Extension	\$1,170,000	\$3,516,000	\$4,686,000
3. DRI NV Graduate Fellowship	\$360,328	\$540,492	\$900,820
4. DRI NV Cloud Seeding	\$899,659	\$899,205	\$1,798,864
5. UNR Statewide Programs	\$871,332	\$2,059,672	\$2,931,004
6. UNLV School of Dental Medicine	\$1,051,600	\$792,100	\$1,843,700
7. UNLV Student Athlete Financial Aid	\$2,933,619	\$2,933,619	\$5,867,238
8. CSN Athletic Scholarships	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$500,000

**funded for CSN, TMCC and WNC*

Questions

