

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

University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Student Union, Ballroom A
4505 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas
Thursday, December 5, 2019, 9:00 a.m.*

**Time Approximate: The Academic, Research & Student Affairs Committee meeting may begin earlier than 9:00 a.m. upon adjournment of the Cultural Diversity Committee meeting.*

BOARD

ROLL CALL:

Dr. Jason Geddes, Chairman	_____
Dr. Mark W. Doubrava, Vice Chairman	_____
Dr. Patrick R. Carter	_____
Ms. Amy J. Carvalho	_____
Mrs. Carol Del Carlo	_____
Mr. Trevor Hayes	_____
Mr. Sam Lieberman	_____
Mrs. Cathy McAdoo	_____
Mr. Donald Sylvantee McMichael Sr.	_____
Mr. John T. Moran	_____
Mr. Kevin J. Page	_____
Ms. Laura E. Perkins	_____
Mr. Rick Trachok	_____

COMMITTEE

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Cathy McAdoo, Chair	_____
Mr. Rick Trachok, Vice Chair	_____
Dr. Patrick R. Carter	_____
Mr. Sam Lieberman	_____
Ms. Laura E. Perkins	_____

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, including moving an item to a different day if the meeting is noticed for more than one day, 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, Compliance and Title IX Committee; the Business, Finance and Facilities Committee; the Cultural Diversity Committee; the Health Sciences System Committee; and the Security 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 1, 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.

Some agenda items are noted as having accompanying reference material. Reference material may be accessed on the electronic version of the agenda by clicking the reference link associated with a particular item. The agenda and associated reference material may also be accessed on the Internet by visiting the Board of Regents' website at:

<https://nshe.nevada.edu/leadership-policy/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 September 5, 2019, meeting. ([Ref. ARSA-2a](#))

**2b. UNLV – ORGANIZATIONAL FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
UNIT ELIMINATION,
NEVADA CENTER FOR
ADVANCED COMPUTATIONAL METHODS**

UNLV requests elimination of the Nevada Center for Advanced Computational Methods due to the successful integration of advanced computational method into research programs at UNLV. The goals of the Center have been met and the need for continued development of computational tools has declined. ([Ref. ARSA-2b](#))

**2c. HANDBOOK REVISION, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
DELETION OF
ORGANIZATIONAL UNITS**

Vice Chancellor Crystal Abba requests approval of a revision to Board policy concerning the elimination of departments and other technical corrections to Board policy (*Title 4, Chapter 14*). In December 2018, the Board revised its policy to provide that the creation and elimination of departments would not require Board approval (*Title 4, Chapter 14, Section 7*). Certain sections of the *Handbook* were overlooked in the initial policy revision and it is requested that those sections be revised to align with the Board's previous action. ([Ref. ARSA-2c](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes

3. NSHE PLANNING REPORT/ ACADEMIC MASTER PLAN – REVISIONS **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Assistant Vice Chancellor Renée Davis will present for approval additions to the [2019-23 Planning Report](#) previously approved at the November 29-30, 2018, meeting and revised at the June 6-7, 2019, meeting. Current proposed revisions include additional academic programs that may come forward for Board approval within the 2020 or 2021 calendar years. (*Ref. ARSA-3*)

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes

4. TMCC – ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT CHANGE, DIVISION OF SCIENCES **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

TMCC requests approval for the split of the Division of Sciences into two separate divisions: the Division of Life Sciences, Allied Health, and Public Safety and the Division of Math and Physical Sciences. The split will distribute the current disciplines and faculty into reasonably sized units and logically grouped disciplines. (*Ref. ARSA-4*)

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 minutes

5. UNLV – PROGRAM PROPOSAL, PH.D. SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

UNLV requests approval of a Doctor of Philosophy in School Psychology that is rooted in training that emphasizes cultural diversity, a systems perspective, and the integration of science and practice. Doctoral students with training to be health services psychologists (HSPs), with a specialization in school psychology, address psychological concerns through both scholarly research and the application of psychological knowledge and skills in practice. (*Ref. ARSA-5*)

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 minutes

6. **UNR – PROGRAM PROPOSAL, MS ECOLOGY, EVOLUTION AND CONSERVATION BIOLOGY** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

UNR requests approval of a Master of Science in Ecology, Evolution and Conservation, an interdisciplinary program that will bring together students and faculty from multiple departments and colleges at UNR; faculty at DRI; and members of the Great Basin Institute. The program provides a solid foundation in research methods and experimental design. The addition of this program to the existing doctoral program will broaden the educational impact of the Ecology, Evolution and Conservation program by allowing students to pursue a more specific degree, tailored to their interests and environmental issues. ([Ref. ARSA-6](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 minutes

7. **WNC – PROGRAM PROPOSAL, BAS ORGANIZATION AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

WNC requests approval of a Bachelor of Applied Science in Organization and Project Management that provides advanced education in business, organization, and project management courses. This degree is designed for students with a technical/skills background, typically acquired through an AAS, who are promoted into management and leadership positions or that desire to prepare for these positions. Upon completion, degree holders will possess skills to communicate across an organization, be consumers of data and information for decision making, and be able to oversee a variety of projects. ([Ref. ARSA-7](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 minutes

8. **COREQUISITE POLICY IMPLEMENTATION** **INFORMATION ONLY**

Vice Chancellor Crystal Abba and Research Scholar Theo Meek will present a status report of the September 26 and November 21, 2019, meetings of the NSHE Corequisite Implementation Task Force, and the site visit to Citrus College on September 30, 2019. The Task Force was created to support NSHE institutions in the implementation of the corequisite and college-ready gateway policy adopted by the Board at its June 6-7, 2019, regular meeting. Effective Fall 2021, the policy requires corequisite support for students placing below college level in mathematics and/or English. ([Ref. ARSA-8](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 minutes

9. NEW AND EXISTING PROGRAM REVIEW INFORMATION ONLY

System Staff will present the first, third and fifth-year new academic program reviews and the report on institutional reviews of existing programs as mandated by Board policy (*Title 4, Chapter 14, Section 5*). In addition, representatives of UNLV and GBC will present the reviews conducted for at least one program at their respective institutions. The presentations include, but are not limited to, the process for evaluating existing programs generally, indications of quality, whether programs are meeting employer expectations, improvements in student learning outcomes, and any action steps identified based on the review of programs and the status of action steps. (Refs. [ARSA-9a](#), [ARSA-9b](#), [ARSA-9c](#) and [ARSA-9d](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 40 minutes

**10. HANDBOOK REVISION, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
REGENTS' RESEARCHER AWARDS**

Vice Chancellor Crystal Abba requests approval of a revision to Board policy to include Nevada State College as a four-year institution eligible to submit candidates for consideration of the Regents' Researcher Awards. Specifically, the policy revision provides for NSC to select a Regents' Rising Researcher recipient and submit faculty candidates for the Regents' Researcher Awards in both Mid-Career and Distinguished Career categories (*Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 18*). (Ref. [ARSA-10](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes

11. 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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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, Rogers Student Center, 1st Floor, 1300 Nevada State Drive, Henderson, NV 89002
TMCC, Red Mountain Building (RDMT 200), 7000 Dandini Boulevard, Reno, NV 89512
UNLV, Flora Dungan Humanities Building (FDH), 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
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