

BOARD OF REGENTS BRIEFING PAPER

1. AGENDA ITEM TITLE: HANDBOOK Revision, Deletion of Organizational Units
MEETING DATE: December 5-6 Meeting

2. BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:

Existing Board policy requires Board approval of certain program and organization unit proposals under *Title 4, Chapter 14, Section 7*. At the request of the Council of Presidents, the Board amended *Title 4, Chapter 14, Section 7* during its [November 29-30, 2018](#) meeting. The approved revision provides that internal administrative changes, including the addition or deletion of a department, do not require Board approval. The revision also included the addition of definitions of organizational units, including center, institute, college, department and school. Lastly, the revision clarified that agreements with non-NSHE degree-granting higher education institutions that do not meet the requirements for review currently outlined in Board policy do not require submission to the Chancellor and Board of Regents for review and approval.

Upon review, it was determined that *Title 4, Chapter 14, Section 11* was inadvertently not revised when the original proposal was approved.

3. SPECIFIC ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED OR REQUESTED:

Amend *Title 4, Chapter 14, Section 11* to bring into alignment with the amended *Title 4, Chapter 14, Section 7*, which provides that internal administrative changes, including the addition or deletion of a department, do not require Board approval.

4. IMPETUS (WHY NOW?):

Review of *Title 4, Chapter 14, Section 7* and *Section 11* resulted in the finding of a discrepancy in policy. *Title 4, Chapter 14, Section 7* was amended with an oversight to *Title 4, Chapter 14, Section 11*. The two sections are parallel and should have been revised at the same time.

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

N/A.

6. BULLET POINTS TO SUPPORT REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

- The revision of *Title 4, Chapter 14, Section 11* is a technical revision to bring it into alignment with *Title 4, Chapter 14, Section 7*, and into compliance with existing Board policy.

7. POTENTIAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

None have been presented.

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

None.

9. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE:

The Chancellor's Office recommends support for the policy revision.

10. COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY:

- Consistent With Current Board Policy: Title # 4 Chapter # 14 Section # 7
- Amends Current Board Policy:
- Amends Current Procedures & Guidelines Manual: Chapter # _____ Section # _____

<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
X Fiscal Impact: Yes _____ No <u>X</u> _____
Explain: _____

POLICY PROPOSAL
TITLE 4, CHAPTER 14, SECTION 11
Deletion of Organizational Units

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

Section 11. Deletion of Degrees, Majors, Programs, [~~Departments,~~ Schools, Colleges, Centers or Institutes

1. It is the policy of the Board of Regents that the deletion of any degree, major, program, [~~department~~], school or college, center, institute or other [~~structural~~] organizational *units* must be approved by the Board of Regents if the Board's approval was required for its implementation in accordance with Title 4, Chapter 14, Section 7. *Internal administrative changes, including but not limited to the elimination of departments, do not require approval by the Board of Regents.*
 - a. Proposals for deletions, *other than those internal administrative changes as specified above*, will be forwarded to the Office of Academic and Student Affairs in the Chancellor's Office prior to the Board of Regents' meeting to allow for review by the Academic Affairs Council, which will submit recommendations to the Chancellor for action by the Board of Regents.
 - b. The format for proposed deletions shall be provided by the Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs.
2. The Board of regents shall have the power to terminate or delete any degree program, major, department, school, or college, and shall consult with the appropriate President before such termination
(B/R 10/01)