

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

Thursday, September 10, 2020, 7:30 a.m.

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE AND TELECONFERENCE ONLY PURSUANT TO SECTION 1 OF THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY DIRECTIVE 006 ("DIRECTIVE 006"), AND EXTENDED BY DIRECTIVES 016, 018, 021, 026 AND 029, ISSUED BY THE STATE OF NEVADA EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT. THERE WILL BE NO PHYSICAL LOCATION FOR THE MEETING.

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**BOARD**

**ROLL CALL:**

Dr. Mark W. Doubrava, Chair	_____
Mrs. Carol Del Carlo, Vice Chair	_____
Dr. Patrick R. Carter	_____
Ms. Amy J. Carvalho	_____
Dr. Jason Geddes	_____
Mr. Trevor Hayes	_____
Ms. Lisa C. Levine	_____
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:**

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

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 18, 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 I, Article V, Section 12, a quorum may be gained by telephone 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/>

Pursuant to Section 5 of Directive 006, and extended by Directives 016, 018, 021, 026 and 029, the requirement contained in NRS 241.020(3)(c) that physical locations be available for the public to receive supporting material for public meetings has been suspended. Pursuant to Section 6 of Directive 006, and extended by Directives 016, 018, 021, 026 and 029, copies of the reference material and any additional support materials that are submitted to the Board of Regents' Office and then distributed to the members of the Board of Regents after the posting of this agenda but before the meeting, will be made available upon request by calling Winter Lipson at (702) 889-8426.

Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate physically disabled persons to participate in the meeting. Please call the Board office at (775) 784-4958 in advance so that arrangements may be made.

**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 June 11, 2020, meeting. ([Ref. ARSA-2a](#))

2. **CONSENT ITEMS – (continued)** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

2b. **UNLV – PROGRAM ELIMINATION,  
BS URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

UNLV requests approval to eliminate the Bachelor of Science in Urban and Regional Planning due to no enrollment in the program. ([Ref. ARSA-2b](#))

2c. **UNLV – PROGRAM CHANGE, BA WORLD LANGUAGES AND CULTURES** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

UNLV requests approval to consolidate its Bachelor of Arts in French, German, and Roman Languages by establishing an overarching Bachelor of Arts in World Languages and Cultures with separate tracks for the specific languages. The proposed new structure combines specific language and cultural proficiency with a broader focus tied to the overriding idea of the importance of language and cultural study in an age of globalization. ([Ref. ARSA-2c](#))

*ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes*

3. **NSC – PROGRAM PROPOSAL, BA AND BS INTERDISCIPLINARY DATA SCIENCE** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

NSC requests approval of a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Data Science. The Bachelor of Arts in Data Science is designed for students that intend to enter the job market immediately upon graduation. The Bachelor of Science in Data Science is suited for students that may be considering a more technical career pathway or graduate school. ([Ref. ARSA-3](#))

*ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes*

**4. TMCC – PROGRAM PROPOSAL, REGISTERED NURSE TO BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

TMCC requests approval of a Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing. The RN-BSN is a professional degree completion program designed for students wishing to continue their nursing education after completion of an associate degree in nursing and will meet the needs of nurses wanting to advance their degrees. ([Ref. ARSA-4](#))

*ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes*

**5. UNR – PROGRAM PROPOSAL, BS PSYCHOLOGY** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

UNR requests approval of a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. The program will prepare students wishing to pursue careers in medicine, health sciences, social sciences, or other scientific graduate study programs. Graduates of the Psychology BS will have both basic research and applied skills in the study of the mind and behavior. ([Ref. ARSA-5](#))

*ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes*

**6. UNR – PROGRAM PROPOSAL, MS KINESIOLOGY** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

UNR requests approval of a Master of Science in Kinesiology. This program will provide a graduate degree with many potential options for careers and can enhance the competitiveness for admission to the professional schools. The MS proposed will fulfill requirements for obtaining professional certification that allows for many options to create and support activity programs in the community. ([Ref. ARSA-6](#))

*ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes*

7. **HANDBOOK REVISION, PROGRAM ENROLLMENT PROHIBITION** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs Crystal Abba requests approval of a revision to Board policy clarifying that institutions must have Board approval on new programs prior to the acceptance or enrollment of students into a program (*Title 4, Chapter 14, Section 7*). Existing policy provides for the addition of new degrees, programs, and majors. While the policy states that Board approval is required before any new degree, major or program is added, there is no specific limitation that concerns accepting or enrolling students into a program prior to Board approval. ([Ref. ARSA-7](#))

*ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes*

8. **2018-19 NSHE FINANCIAL AID REPORT** **INFORMATION ONLY**

Assistant Vice Chancellor Renee Davis will present highlights from the 2018-19 NSHE Financial Aid Report, including data on financial aid programs and awards distributed across the System. In addition, the presentation will include general information on the variety of federal aid programs available to support students. ([Refs. ARSA-8a and ARSA-8b](#))

*ESTIMATED TIME: 20 minutes*

9. **COREQUISITE ACTION PLAN AND HANDBOOK REVISION** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs Crystal Abba and Assistant Vice Chancellor and Director of Corequisite Implementation James McCoy will present for approval Part I of the action plan developed by the NSHE Corequisite Implementation Task Force charged with supporting institutions in the implementation of the corequisite and gateway policy adopted by the Board at its June 6-7, 2019, meeting. Part I of the action plan includes the elements of implementation that have been agreed upon to date, including certain pathways and placement for English and mathematics, advising strategies, communication and marketing strategies, and an option for credentialing faculty through UNLV. Part II of the action plan will be presented at the December 3, 2020, ARSA meeting and will address the remaining matters of enrollment enforcement for corequisite and gateway courses, a resource analysis for full-scale implementation, and a statewide assessment plan for English and mathematics corequisite courses.

**9. COREQUISITE ACTION PLAN AND HANDBOOK REVISION – (continued) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

In addition, a revision to the Board’s policy on corequisite enrollment (*Title 4, Chapter 16, Section 1*) will be presented for approval. Specifically, the proposal revises the continuous enrollment provision to allow for enrollment in corequisite and gateway English and mathematics courses within the first two regular academic semesters following initial enrollment. ([Refs. ARSA-9a, ARSA-9b and ARSA-9c](#))

*ESTIMATED TIME: 30 minutes*

**10. 2019 TRANSFER AND ARTICULATION AUDIT: REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs Crystal Abba will present highlights and request approval of the recommendations from the *2019 Transfer and Articulation Audit Report*. The audit reviewed regional transfer agreements between NSHE institutions for compliance with Board policy. ([Refs. ARSA-10a and ARSA-10b](#))

*ESTIMATED TIME: 15 minutes*

**11. 2018-19 NSHE SPONSORED FUNDING REPORT INFORMATION ONLY**

Marcie Jackson, Director of Nevada System Sponsored Programs and EPSCoR, will present highlights from the *2018-19 NSHE Sponsored Funding Annual Report*. The report will include information on sponsored programs awards and expenditures for all NSHE institutions. ([Refs. ARSA-11a and ARSA-11b](#))

*ESTIMATED TIME: 15 minutes*

**12. 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, and no substantive discussion may occur at this meeting on new business items in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law (NRS 241.010 *et seq.*).

*ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes*

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