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

Thursday, March 4, 2021, 8:00 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, 029 AND 033, ISSUED BY THE STATE OF NEVADA EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT. THERE WILL BE NO PHYSICAL LOCATION FOR THE MEETING.

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO VIEW THE MEETING MAY DO SO VIA LIVE STREAM (http://nshe.nevada.edu/live/).

BOARD ROLL CALL:

Dr. Mark W. Doubrava, Chair	_____
Mrs. Carol Del Carlo, Vice Chair	_____
Mr. Joseph C. Arrascada	_____
Mr. Patrick J. Boylan	_____
Mr. Byron Brooks	_____
Dr. Patrick R. Carter	_____
Ms. Amy J. Carvalho	_____
Dr. Jason Geddes	_____
Mrs. Cathy McAdoo	_____
Mr. Donald Sylvantee McMichael Sr.	_____
Mr. John T. Moran	_____
Ms. Laura E. Perkins	_____
Dr. Lois Tarkanian	_____

COMMITTEE ROLL CALL:

Dr. Jason Geddes, Chair	_____
Dr. Patrick R. Carter, Vice Chair	_____
Mr. Joseph C. Arrascada	_____
Mr. Patrick J. Boylan	_____
Mrs. Cathy McAdoo	_____
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 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, 029 and 033, 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, 029 and 033, 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

Public comment will be taken during this agenda item. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter is included on an agenda as an item on which action may be taken. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person. Persons making comment will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record and to spell their last name. The Committee Chair may elect to allow additional public comment on a specific agenda item when that agenda item is being considered.

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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 December 3, 2020, meeting. *(Ref. ARSA-2a)*

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

2b. *HANDBOOK* REVISION, STATE COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Nevada State College requests the approval of a revision to Board policy changing the residency requirement level for the College from 32 hours to 30 hours *(Title 4, Chapter 16, Section 36)*. The credit threshold was not reduced after Board policy was revised reducing the total number of credits necessary for graduation to 120 credits. This change aligns with the structure of the current majors which adhere to the 120-credit protocol. *(Ref. ARSA-2b)*

ESTIMATED TIME: *5 minutes*

3. REGENTS' AWARDS **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

NSHE Board of Regents' policy calls for the Committee's approval of recommended candidates for various Regents' awards. The following individuals are nominated for 2021 Regents' awards. *(Ref. ARSA-3)*

a. Nevada Regents' Creative Activities Award
Erin Frock, TMCC – (Community College)
Joe Nathan Bynum, UNLV – (University, State College)

b. Nevada Regents' Teaching Award
Ronald Gonzalez, CSN – Tenured Track (Community College)
Dr. Pamela Sandstrom, UNR – Non-Tenured/Tenured Track (Universities, State College & DRI)
Dr. Geoffrey Smith, UNR – Tenured/Tenured Track (Universities, State College & DRI)

c. Nevada Regents' Academic Advisor Award
Lauren Stevens, WNC – (Community College)
Janita Ethridge, UNR – (Undergraduate – Universities, State College)
Dr. Kwang J. Kim, UNLV – (Graduate – Universities, State College & DRI)

d. Nevada Regents' Researcher Award
Dr. Ian Buckle, UNR - (Distinguished)
Dr. Scott Earley, UNR - (Mid-Career)

3. REGENTS' AWARDS – *(continued)* **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

e. Nevada Regents' Rising Researcher Award
Dr. Javon Johnson, UNLV
Dr. Daniel McEvoy, DRI
Dr. Jennifer Pearson, UNR
Dr. Kyra E. Stull, UNR

FISCAL IMPACT: *Each recipient of the Regents' Creative Activities Award, Regents' Teaching Award, Regents' Academic Advisor Award, and Regents' Researcher Award receives an award of $5,000. Each recipient of the Regents' Rising Researcher Award receives an award of $2,000. Pursuant to the Procedures and Guidelines Manual Chapter 8, Section 2, Subsection 7, the institution employing the recipient for each respective award is responsible for the cost of the stipend.*

ESTIMATED TIME: *5 minutes*

4. UNLV – ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT PROPOSAL, NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

UNLV requests approval to establish the National Institute for the Advancement of Education, an institute built on the foundation of innovation and research intended to identify and disseminate next generation practices in urban education and educator preparation. *(Ref. ARSA-4)*

ESTIMATED TIME: *5 minutes*

5. UNLV – PROGRAM PROPOSAL, M.ED. INTERCOLLEGIATE AND PROFESSIONAL SPORT MANAGEMENT **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

UNLV requests approval of a Master of Education in Intercollegiate and Professional Sport Management. This program will provide specialized education in the leadership and management of sport organizations. The program includes administrative opportunities in youth and intercollegiate athletics with specialization areas such as diversity in sport leadership, sport analytics, and governance. *(Ref. ARSA-5)*

ESTIMATED TIME: *5 minutes*

6. *HANDBOOK* REVISION, NEW PROGRAM PROPOSALS **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs Crystal Abba will present for approval a revision to Board policy clarifying that while developing new degree programs institutions must consult with other NSHE institutions that have the same or similar programs *(Title 4, Chapter 14, Section 7)*. Existing policy states that the format for consideration of new programs shall be provided by the Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs. Consulting other institutions during the program development process is intended to ensure that the institution developing the new degree program leverages the expertise of other NSHE institutions that have the same or similar programs. *(Ref. ARSA-6)*

ESTIMATED TIME: *10 minutes*

7. *HANDBOOK* REVISION, NSHE PLANNING REPORT **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs Crystal Abba will present for approval a revision to Board policy to specify which degree programs are required in the NSHE Planning Report and to clarify that new degree program plans absent from the Planning Report must be disclosed to the Chancellor's Office prior to new program proposal submissions *(Title 4, Chapter 14, Section 3)*. Existing Board policy provides for the planning of degree programs to be disclosed in the NSHE Planning Report. The proposed revision specifies that plans for new associate, baccalaureate, masters, and doctoral programs must be included in the Planning Report for Board approval, as such plans for new skills certificates and certificates of achievement do not require prior disclosure. *(Ref. ARSA-7)*

ESTIMATED TIME: *10 minutes*

8. *HANDBOOK* REVISION, TRANSFER AND ARTICULATION **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs Crystal Abba will present for approval a policy revision to clarify that upper division coursework (300-400) shall not be included in the first two years of the transfer agreement's year-by-year course outline, unless otherwise approved by the Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs *(Title 4, Chapter 14, Section 15)*.

8. *HANDBOOK* REVISION, TRANSFER AND ARTICULATION – *(continued)* **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

In addition, presented for approval is a revision to require that a transfer agreement must disclose to the student when lower division courses that are required for the major are not offered at the community college and must indicate the four-year institution where such courses must be taken for the purpose of meeting the associate degree through reverse transfer *(Title 4, Chapter 14, Section 15)*. Existing Board policy provides that a transfer agreement must include a year-by-year outline of course requirements in which the course of study leading to the baccalaureate degree includes the first two years of coursework that will result in an associate degree. These policy revision recommendations come from challenges identified in the 2019 Transfer and Articulation Audit. At the September 2020 Academic, Research and Student Affairs Committee meeting, the Committee approved the 2019 Transfer and Articulation Audit report and recommendations for clarifying Board policy. *(Ref. ARSA-8)*

ESTIMATED TIME: *10 minutes*

9. SILVER STATE OPPORTUNITY GRANT **INFORMATION ONLY**

Assistant Vice Chancellor Renee Davis will present an update on the Silver State Opportunity Grant (SSOG), a need-based financial aid program. The state supported financial aid program was created by the 2015 Legislature pursuant to Senate Bill 227 (Chapter 387, *Statutes of Nevada 2015*). Under the SSOG program, need-based grants are awarded to eligible low-income students who are college-ready to pay for a portion of the cost of education at a community or state college within NSHE. The presentation will include general information on how grants are awarded under the shared responsibility model, outcomes for students who have received an SSOG award, and the impact of program revisions adopted by the 2019 Session of the Nevada State Legislature. *(Ref. ARSA-9)*

ESTIMATED TIME: *30 minutes*

10. UNR NEVADAFIT PROGRAM — INFORMATION ONLY

UNR Acting Provost Jeffrey Thompson and UNR Director of NevadaFIT Felicia DeWald will present information on the NevadaFIT program. NevadaFIT (Freshman Intensive Transition) is a one-credit academic bootcamp for incoming freshmen at the University of Nevada, Reno designed to expose students to the rigor and pacing of college classes prior to the start of the fall semester. NevadaFIT increases retention and graduation rates for participants including Pell, first-generation, and minority students. The 2021 program will be the first year the course is required of all incoming freshmen. The presentation will include a summary and history of the program, student success data, and plans for the future of the program. *(Ref. ARSA-10)*

ESTIMATED TIME: *30 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, 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*.).

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PURSUANT TO SECTION 4 OF DIRECTIVE 006, AND EXTENDED BY DIRECTIVES 016, 018, 021, 026, 029 AND 033, THIS AGENDA HAS BEEN ELECTRONICALLY POSTED ON THE NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION WEBSITE (http://system.nevada.edu/) AND ON THE NEVADA PUBLIC NOTICE WEBSITE (http://notice.nv.gov/) IN ACCORDANCE WITH NRS 232.2175.