

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

Nevada State College
Rogers Student Center, Ballroom
1300 Nevada State Drive #300, Henderson
Thursday, March 3, 2022, 8:00 a.m.

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System Administration, Reno
2601 Enterprise Road, Conference Room
and
Great Basin College, Elko
1500 College Parkway, Berg Hall Conference Room

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BOARD

ROLL CALL:

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

COMMITTEE

ROLL CALL:

Dr. Jason Geddes, Chair _____
Mrs. Cathy McAdoo, Vice Chair _____
Mr. Joseph C. Arrascada _____
Dr. Mark W. Doubrava _____
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 1, 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 Health Sciences System Committee; the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access Committee; the Security Committee; and the Workforce 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.

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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

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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

The Committee will consider approval of the minutes from the December 2, 2021, meeting. ([Ref. ARSA-2a](#))

**2b. NSC – PROGRAM
DEACTIVATION,
BS PSYCHOLOGY**

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

NSC requests approval to deactivate the Bachelor of Science in Psychology due to significant course overlap with the Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. The Bachelor of Arts in Psychology will be retained. During the five-year deactivation period the institution will consider if the Bachelor of Science program can be redesigned to better fit the original intention of preparing students for graduate school and/or research-focused careers. ([Ref. ARSA-2b](#))

2. CONSENT ITEMS – (continued) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

2c. CSN – PROGRAM ELIMINATION, AAS FACILITY MAINTENANCE AND MANUFACTURING FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

CSN requests approval to eliminate the Associate of Applied Science in Facility Maintenance and Manufacturing due low student enrollment.

[\(Ref. ARSA-2c\)](#)

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

3. REGENTS' AWARDS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Pursuant to Board policy, Title 4, Chapter 1, Sections 17-20, the following individuals are nominated for the 2022 Regents' Awards. [\(Ref. ARSA-3\)](#)

a. Nevada Regents' Creative Activities Award

Stephanie Espinoza Villamor, CSN – (Community College)

Michael Branch, UNR – (University, State College)

b. Nevada Regents' Teaching Award

Dr. Rebecca Bevans, WNC – Tenured Track (Community College)

Heather Lang-Cassera, NSC – Non-Tenured/Tenured Track
(Universities, State College and DRI)

Dr. Matthew Leone, UNR – Tenured/Tenured Track

(Universities, State College and DRI)

c. Nevada Regents' Academic Advisor Award

Courtney Schachter, TMCC – (Community College)

Le Quanda Cole, UNLV – (Undergraduate – Universities, State College)

Dr. Wilfredo de Ráfols, UNR – (Graduate – Universities, State College and DRI)

d. Nevada Regents' Researcher Award

Dr. Steven Hayes, UNR – (Distinguished)

Dr. Jamie Voyles, UNR – (Mid-Career)

e. Nevada Regents' Rising Researcher Award

Dr. Katherine Durante, NSC

Dr. Benjamin Hatchett, DRI

Dr. Allyson Hindle, UNLV

Dr. Elizabeth Koebele, UNR

Dr. Feng Yan, UNR

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

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 8, the institution employing the recipient for each respective award is responsible for the cost of the stipend.

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes

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

Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs and Community Colleges Crystal Abba will present for approval a revision to Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 18, Nevada Regents' Researcher Awards. Currently, Board policy provides for an annual Regents' Rising Researcher Award to be given to one NSHE faculty at UNLV, UNR, NSC and DRI in recognition of early-career accomplishments and potential for future advancement and recognition in research. The proposed policy revision will provide for up to three awards per institution to allow for recognition of early career research in various disciplines. Funding for the Regents' Rising Researcher Awards is provided by the individual institution. ([Ref. ARSA-4](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 mins.

5. **UNR – PROGRAM PROPOSALS,
SIERRA NEVADA UNIVERSITY
PROGRAM TEACH OUT** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

UNR requests approval of the following program proposals related to the teach out of Sierra Nevada University (SNU) students resulting from the UNR acquisition of SNU.

- a) Bachelor of Arts in Education ([Ref. ARSA-5a](#));
- b) Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T), Education ([Ref. ARSA-5b](#)); and
- c) Master of Education (M.Ed), English Language Acquisition and Development (ELAD). ([Ref. ARSA-5c](#))

5. **UNR – PROGRAM PROPOSALS, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
SIERRA NEVADA UNIVERSITY
PROGRAM TEACH OUT – *(continued)*

These proposals meet the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) requirements to teach out SNU students. No additional students will be admitted to these programs. If approved, these programs will not be subject to the first, third, and fifth year program review required pursuant to Title 4, Chapter 14, Section 6.

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

6. **CSN – PROGRAM PROPOSAL, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
BAS ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

CSN requests approval of the Bachelor of Applied Science in Environmental Conservation. The BAS in Environmental Conservation will provide a distinctive baccalaureate degree pathway for students who attained an Associate of Applied Science. The program is a non-calculus and non-graduate school track that is focused on technician level skills. Graduates will attain skills for employment as a technician in support of a qualified biologist within this growing field. ([Ref. ARSA-6](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

7. **CSN – PROGRAM PROPOSAL, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
BAS ENVIRONMENTAL
LABORATORY SCIENCES

CSN requests approval of the Bachelor of Applied Science in Environmental Laboratory Sciences. The BAS in Environmental Laboratory Sciences will provide technician level credentials so that graduates attain skills for employment in a commercial environmental laboratory setting. ([Ref. ARSA-7](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

8. TMCC – PROGRAM PROPOSAL, AS DATA SCIENCE **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

TMCC requests approval of the Associate of Science in Data Science. The AS in Data Science is a general transfer degree that includes curriculum in mathematics, science, data literacy and analysis, programming, and general education for transfer to a four-year institution. The degree will prepare students for entry-level data analyst positions. ([Ref. ARSA-8](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

9. TMCC – PROGRAM PROPOSAL, BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURE (B.ARCH) **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

TMCC requests approval of the Bachelor of Architecture. The B.Arch degree combines the knowledge and depth of both STEM and CTE fields of study. The proposed degree builds upon an existing skills certificate, an AAS in Architecture aligning with the accreditation requirements as defined by the National Architectural Accrediting Board and state requirements for licensure. ([Ref. ARSA-9](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

10. WNC – PROGRAM CHANGE, AAS PARAMEDICINE **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

WNC requests approval to change the current Certificate of Achievement in Paramedicine to an Associate of Applied Science in Paramedicine. This change will allow WNC to meet industry requirements of an associate degree or higher for job placement around the country, advancement within EMS agencies, and to meet National EMS Educational Standards. ([Ref. ARSA-10](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

11. WNC – PROGRAM PROPOSAL, AAS FIRE SCIENCE **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

WNC requests approval of the Associate of Applied Science in Fire Science. The program is designed to meet the Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education (FESHE) and National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) standards. The program will train and prepare entry-level firefighters for local, regional, and national fire agencies. ([Ref. ARSA-11](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

12. HISTORY OF THE GOVERNOR GUINN MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM **INFORMATION ONLY**

The Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship program is a state-supported, merit-based program established in 1999. Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs Renee Davis will present a history of the program, including changes over the program's history in initial and continuing eligibility requirements, award distribution, and program outcomes. ([Ref. ARSA-12](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 30 mins.

13. GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS AND STIPENDS **INFORMATION ONLY**

UNLV Vice Provost of Graduate Education Kate Korgan and UNR Vice Provost of Graduate Education David Zeh will present information on graduate student assistantships. Information will include graduate enrollment trends, diversity impacts, graduate assistant roles, funding, rental costs, and stipend comparisons against peer and aspirant institutions. ([Ref. ARSA-13](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 30 mins.

14. 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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CSN, Building D, 1st Floor, 6375 W. Charleston Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89146
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 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89119
System Administration, 2601 Enterprise Road, Reno, NV 89512