

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

Desert Research Institute, Las Vegas
Frank H. Rogers Science & Technology Building, Rotunda
755 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas
Thursday, February 29, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

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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. Amy J. Carvalho, Chair	_____
Dr. Jeffrey S. Downs, Vice Chair	_____
Mr. Joseph C. Arrascada	_____
Mr. Patrick J. Boylan	_____
Mrs. Susan Brager	_____
Mr. Byron Brooks	_____
Ms. Heather Brown	_____
Dr. Michele Cruz-Crawford	_____
Mrs. Carol Del Carlo	_____
Ms. Stephanie Goodman	_____
Mr. Donald Sylvantee McMichael Sr.	_____
Ms. Laura E. Perkins	_____
Dr. Lois Tarkanian	_____

COMMITTEE

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Carol Del Carlo, Chair	_____
Ms. Laura E. Perkins, Vice Chair	_____
Ms. Heather Brown	_____
Dr. Michele Cruz-Crawford	_____
Mr. Donald Sylvantee McMichael Sr.	_____

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/regents/upcoming-meetings/>

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

Land Acknowledgment

Before beginning, we take a moment to recognize that here in Nevada we stand on the land of the Wa She Shu – Washoe; Numu – Northern Paiute; Nuwe – Western Shoshone; and Nuwu – Southern Paiute. We take a moment to recognize and honor their stewardship that continues into today. With this recognition, we state an intention to rightfully include their voice and respect them as the 27 sovereign tribal nations of Nevada.

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

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

The Committee will consider approval of the minutes from the November 30, 2023, meeting. ([Ref. ARSA-2a](#))

**2b. NSU – PROGRAM
DEACTIVATION,
BAS MANAGEMENT**

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

NSU will request approval to deactivate the Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Management due to declining enrollment. The Department of Business offers a BS in Business with a very similar curriculum and deactivation of the BAS in Management will streamline the department's degrees, creating procedural efficiencies and avoiding marketplace confusion as to how the programs are different. ([Ref. ARSA-2b](#))

2. CONSENT ITEMS – (Continued) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

2c. GBC – PROGRAM DEACTIVATION, BS BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

GBC will request approval to deactivate the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Biological Sciences due to low enrollment and steady decline of graduates. A teach-out plan will be implemented upon approval of the deactivation. ([Ref. ARSA-2c](#))

2d. TMCC – PROGRAM ELIMINATION, AAS SOLAR ENERGY, ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

TMCC will request approval to eliminate the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Solar Energy, Energy Technologies due to low enrollment. Entry into the solar technology profession does not require an associate degree. Elimination of this program will allow TMCC to focus faculty and staff resources toward the skills certificate. ([Ref. ARSA-2d](#))

2e. TMCC – PROGRAM ELIMINATION, BAS CYBER-PHYSICAL MANUFACTURING FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

TMCC will request approval to eliminate the Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Cyber-Physical Manufacturing due to low enrollment. A bachelor's degree is not needed to work in the field as a technician, operator, or quality control specialist. Elimination of this degree will redirect much needed human resources to the certificate and AAS degree programs. ([Ref. ARSA-2e](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

3. **CSN – PROGRAM PROPOSAL, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
AAS FUNERAL SERVICES

CSN will request approval of an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Funeral Services. The AAS in Funeral Services is designed to give students a broad understanding of funeral home operations, funeral directing, public health, and embalming. The curriculum is modeled from the American Board of Funeral Service Education (ABFSE) curriculum outline. The program will request accreditation by the ABFSE. It will produce trained professionals that can enter the workforce in all parts of Nevada.

[\(Ref. ARSA-3\)](#)

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 mins.

4. **TMCC – PROGRAM PROPOSAL, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
AS PSYCHOLOGY

TMCC will request approval of an Associate of Science (AS) in Psychology. Currently, TMCC offers an Associate of Arts (AA) in Psychology with tracks for both the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Psychology. The proposed AS in Psychology will effectively replace the current track to the BS in Psychology under the AA degree, providing a clearer pathway for students transferring to a BS in Psychology program at a 4-year NSHE institution. Creating an AS degree will add further clarity to the program requirements and transfer process, thereby increasing student success. [\(Ref. ARSA-4\)](#)

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 mins.

5. **TMCC – PROGRAM PROPOSAL, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
BAS RADIOLOGICAL TECHNOLOGY

TMCC will request approval of a Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Radiological Technology. The BAS in Radiological Technology will provide graduates with the knowledge and skills necessary to be a successful imaging leader and active member of a healthcare team. The curriculum emphasizes evidence-based practice, quality healthcare improvement, regulatory systems, patient safety, and equity. The program requires all students to have an associate degree in imaging from a regionally accredited institution and be registered with the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists. [\(Ref. ARSA-5\)](#)

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 mins.

6. 2024 REGENTS' AWARDS

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Pursuant to Board of Regents policy (*Title 4, Chapter 1, Sections 16-20 and 40*), the Committee will consider approval of the following nominations for 2024 Regents' Awards: ([Ref. ARSA-6](#))

a. Sam Lieberman Regents' Award for Student Scholarship

Zachary Billot, UNLV – Undergraduate
Alixé Bunyard, TMCC
Sarah Crews, GBC
Alessandro Ralls, UNR – Graduate
Alexander Rankin, NSU
Suzanna Stankute, WNC
Rebecca Taylor, CSN
Emylia Terry, UNLV – Graduate
Micah Woodruff, UNR – Undergraduate

b. Nevada Regents' Outstanding Classified Staff Award

Sunny Remneff, UNR

c. Nevada Regents' Award for Creative Activities

Mark Maynard, TMCC (Community Colleges)
Peter Goin, UNR – (Universities, DRI)

d. Nevada Regents' Teaching Award

Dr. Meeghan Gray, TMCC – Tenured/Tenure Track (Community Colleges)
Dr. Ann-Marie Vollstedt, UNR – Non-Tenured (Universities, DRI)
Dr. Kaitlin Clinnin, UNLV – Tenured/Tenure-Track (Universities, DRI)

e. Nevada Regents' Academic Advisor Award

Jolina Adams, GBC (Community Colleges)
John Joseph Starkey, UNLV (Undergraduate – Universities, DRI)
Dr. Keri L. Ryan, UNR – (Graduate – Universities, DRI)

f. Nevada Regents' Researcher Award

Dr. Xiaolaing Wang, DRI – (Mid-Career)
Dr. Bing Zhang, UNLV – (Distinguished)

g. Nevada Regents' Rising Researcher Award

Dr. Gabrielle Boisramé, DRI
Dr. Gabriela Buccini, UNLV
Dr. Joshua Island, UNLV
Dr. Austin Horng-En Wang, UNLV
Dr. El Hachemi Bouali, NSU
Dr. Elizabeth Villalobos, UNR
Dr. Hamed Ebrahimian, UNR
Dr. Jessica Parks, NSU
Dr. Katherine A. Dockweiler, NSU
Dr. Li Li, UNR

6. 2024 REGENTS' AWARDS – (Continued)

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

FISCAL IMPACT: Each recipient of the Regents' Award for Creative Activities, Regents' Teaching Award, Regents' Academic Advisor Award, and Regents' Researcher Award (Distinguished and Mid-Career) receives a stipend of \$5,000. Each recipient of the Regents' Rising Researcher Award receives a stipend of \$2,000. The Regents' Outstanding Classified Staff Award recipient receives a stipend of \$3,000. Pursuant to the Procedures and Guidelines Manual, Chapter 8, Section 2, Subsection 8a, the institution employing the recipient for each respective award is responsible for the cost of the stipend. Each recipient of the Sam Lieberman Regents' Award for Student Scholarship receives an award of \$5,000. Pursuant to the Procedures and Guidelines Manual, Chapter 8, Section 2, Subsection 8b, the award is funded 100 percent by System Administration (Regents' Account).

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 mins.

7. **HANDBOOK REVISION, SYSTEM GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs Daniel Archer will request approval of a revision to the System general education requirements (Title 4, Chapter 14, Section 20). The proposed revision will bring existing general education policies concerning the associate of applied science degree and the bachelor of applied science degree into alignment with existing applied program general education requirements and transfer policies in the Handbook. ([Ref. ARSA-7](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 mins.

8. **NSHE DATA DASHBOARDS**

INFORMATION ONLY

Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs Daniel Archer and Director of Institutional Research José Martinez will present a detailed demonstration of the NSHE data dashboards as a follow-up to the general overview provided to the Committee at its November 30, 2023, meeting. The demonstration may include dashboards displaying awards conferred, employee headcount, fall enrollment, college readiness, completion and workforce, dual enrollment, graduation rates, strategic plan metrics, student transfer, and corequisite outcomes. ([Ref. ARSA-8](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 30 mins.

9. 2022-2023 FINANCIAL AID REPORT **INFORMATION ONLY**

Research Analyst José Quiroga will present highlights from the 2022-23 NSHE Financial Aid Report, including data on financial aid programs, recipient attributes, and awards distributed across the System as well as NSHE total financial aid disbursed by category, source, and type. In addition, the presentation will include general information on financial aid concepts and the variety of programs available to support students. ([Refs. ARSA-9a](#) and [ARSA-9b](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 30 mins.

10. 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 and NRS 241.020(3)(d) *et seq.*).

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DRI, Southern Nevada Science Center, 755 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89119
GBC, Berg Hall, 1500 College Parkway, Elko, NV 89801
NSU, 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
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