

**BOARD OF REGENTS
BRIEFING PAPER**

Agenda Item Title: Proposed Amendment to Title 4, Ch. 23, Section 10 to Clarify that USAC Reports are Biennial

Meeting Date: June 6-7, 2013

1. BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:

The Board adopted a policy to govern the University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC) at it Feb. 28-Mar. 1, 2013 meeting. Section 10 of that policy provides for reports to the Board on the activities of USAC. It was intended that the reports occur every 2 years, but inadvertently the word “bi-annual” was used instead of “biennial.”

2. SPECIFIC ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED OR REQUESTED:

The Board of Regents is requested to approve the change from “bi-annual” (meaning “twice a year”) to “biennial” (meaning “every two years”) with regard to the timing of reports by USAC.

3. IMPETUS (WHY NOW?):

This inadvertent error was recently discovered.

4. BULLET POINTS TO SUPPORT REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

- The original intent of the drafters was to require reports every two years regarding the activities of USAC.
- USAC and UNR will need time to develop the USAC specific policies required under Title 4, Ch. 23.
- It will also take time for the impact of those policies to be felt.
- A report every two years will give the Board sufficient data to consider the impact of the new policies.

5. POTENTIAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

- More frequent reporting by USAC is needed in light of the new policies that will be applied to USAC.

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

- Require annual reports to the Board by USAC.

7. COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY:

- Consistent With Current Board Policy: Title #_ Chapter #_ Section #____
 Amends Current Board Policy: Title # 4, Ch. 23, Sec. 10.
 Current Procedures & Guidelines Manual: Chapter #____ Section #____
Other:
 Fiscal Impact: Yes____ No X
Explain: __

POLICY PROPOSAL - HANDBOOK
TITLE 4, CHAPTER 23, SECTION 10
University Studies Abroad Consortium

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

Section 10. Report on Activities to Board of Regents

USAC shall provide [~~bi-annual~~] *biennial* reports on its activities to the Board of Regents.
(B/R 3/13)