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 its 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 #__, Ch. 23_, Sec. 10.
- Current Procedures & Guidelines Manual: Chapter #____ Section #____
- Other:
- Fiscal Impact: Yes______ No______ X______
  Explain:__
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)