

BOARD OF REGENTS
BRIEFING PAPER
Agenda Item Title: Regents' Service Program

BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:

The Regents Award Program was created in 1997 with estate tax monies. The Board of Regents desired a work program for students that would emphasize service to Nevada. Originally, the program was intended to support efforts of then President Clinton's *America Reads* literacy program by providing tutoring positions for NSHE students. The monies have now been converted to state supported dollars and appear as a line item in each institutional budget.

While this program is still in existence and enthusiastically supported by the NSHE institutions, policy and procedures for the program do not exist in the Board *Handbook* or the *Procedures and Guidelines Manual*.

SPECIFIC ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED OR REQUESTED:

1. Amend Board Policy (*Handbook* Title IV, Chapter 18) to add a new section 17, establishing the program in policy and renaming it the Regents' Service Program, more accurately reflecting the nature of the program and eliminating confusion with the Regents' Award.
2. Create a new Chapter 10 in the *Procedures and Guidelines Manual* entitled "Financial Aid." Renumber existing Chapter 10 as Chapter 11 and adding procedures on the Regents' Service Program.
3. Require an annual report to the Board of Regents in January of each year.

IMPETUS (WHY NOW?):

This action will formally establish the Regents' Service Program in Board policy, and further aligns policy with current practice.

BULLET POINTS TO SUPPORT REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

1. Amending Board policy to include the Regents' Service Program allows for Board oversight.
2. Changing the name eliminates confusion that has occurred throughout the program's history.
3. Creating procedural guidelines ensures that all institutions are kept up to date and maintaining programs true to the original intent.

POTENTIAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

None have been brought forward.

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

Do nothing and trust that institutions will continue to maintain the integrity of the program on their own.

COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY:

- Consistent With Current Board Policy: Title # _____ Chapter # _____ Section # _____
- Amends Current Board Policy: Title # 4 Chapter # 18 Section # 17
- Other: _____
- Fiscal Impact: Yes _____ No X
Explain: _____

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TITLE 4, CHAPTER 18, *new* SECTION 17

Additions in *boldface italics*; deletions ~~stricken~~

INSERT new SECTION 17 as follows:

Section 17. Regents' Service Program

- 1. The Regents' Service Program is established by the Board of Regents so that NSHE students can make a contribution to the critical needs of the community. Work opportunities for currently enrolled students shall be service-oriented and reflect a high level of skill or knowledge. Priority will be given to literacy and P-16 programs.*
- 2. Each institution shall have the flexibility to design work, stipend, scholarship, or graduate support programs that meet the needs of students in accordance with the guidelines established for student access.*
- 3. Annually, the System Office will prepare a report for presentation to the Board concerning ~~the~~ program outcomes, number of students served, dollars expended, and other information as deemed appropriate.*
- 4. Eligibility criteria and guidelines for the administration of the program shall be developed by the Chancellor.*

INSERT THE ABOVE new SECTION 17 AND RENUMBER EXISTING SECTIONS 17 THROUGH 19 AS SECTION 18 THROUGH 20.