Section 1. Nevada System of Higher Education Mission Statement

1. The mission of the Nevada System of Higher Education is to provide higher postsecondary education to the citizens of the state at a high level of quality consistent with the state's resources. It accomplishes this mission by acquiring, transmitting, and preserving knowledge throughout the region, nation, and world. The System endeavors to assist in providing an educated and technically skilled citizenry for public service, economic growth and the general welfare, contributes to an educated and trained workforce for industry and commerce, and facilitates the individual quest for personal fulfillment, and engages in research that advances both theory and practice.

2. [The Sections 4 and 7 of Article 11 of the state constitution vests the exclusive governance and administration of the System in the Board of Regents. With this constitutional authority, the Regents govern the System according to the following objectives:

   a. To promote access to affordable public programs of higher education in Nevada to all who can benefit from those programs.

   b. To ensure that all activities demonstrate a continued quest for academic excellence, economy and the balancing of basic goals that the public interest requires.

   c. To develop and support programs of instruction and complementary programs of basic and applied research, and scholarship, and public service, which together contribute to the cultural, economic, and social development of Nevada and the nation.

   [d. To sponsor and conduct continuing programs of public service for the citizens of the state.]

3. To achieve these objectives, the Board of Regents seeks sufficient funding from the state and other sources to support programs of high quality. Further, it engages in appropriate planning activities to provide as many educational opportunities in as an effective, efficient and cost-effective manner as possible. To this end, it provides appropriate administration to ensure coordination and accountability and establishes an appropriate mission statement for each institution to minimize preventive duplication and inefficiency.