

POLICY PROPOSAL
TITLE 1, ARTICLE VI, SECTION 3
Standing Committees of the Board

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Section 3. Standing Committees and their Duties

The following shall be the standing committees of the Board and their duties:

a. The **Audit Committee** shall:

1. Review and evaluate internal audit reports and follow-up reports;
2. Recommend to the Board independent certified public accountants to audit the financial books and records of the NSHE and review and evaluate the reports of such independent certified public accountants;
3. Formulate and make recommendations to the Board policies necessary for the enforcement of sound accounting and auditing practices;
4. Evaluate and make recommendations on internal controls; and
5. Make such recommendations, as it deems necessary for the correction of deficiencies in management practices discovered by audit reports.

b. The **Business and Finance Committee** shall:

1. Review and recommend to the Board the operating budget requests and work programs for the NSHE, with the primary objective of affirming the connections between the NSHE Master Plan and System-wide priorities, budget requests, and funding allocations;
2. Review and recommend to the Board the self-supporting budgets and work programs for the NSHE;
3. Make recommendations to the Board for the financing of the activities of the NSHE and the expenditure or use of NSHE financial resources;
4. Review institutional and System proposals that create added fiscal requirements and/or alter established planning directions;
5. Oversee System direction of, or participation in, studies of funding mechanisms and approaches for public higher education in Nevada;
6. Review and make recommendations on NSHE risk management, insurance programs, and safety and security measures; *and*
7. [~~Jointly with the Academic, Research and Student Affairs Committee, consider and recommend to the Board policies concerning NSHE enrollment management plans, tuition and fees and the development of a student financial aid system for the NSHE that promotes access to public higher education for all Nevadans;~~
8. ~~Provide guidance and strategies, and recommend policies to support economic and workforce development efforts within the NSHE;~~
9. ~~Facilitate dialogue between the NSHE, business and industry, state and federal governmental representatives, System and institutional foundations, and economic development stakeholders throughout Nevada in determining economic development needs, related issues, and funding appropriations; and~~

10.] Monitor the technology needs and systems of the NSHE to ensure optimal use of resources for integrated system-wide information systems and other proper strategic uses of technology within the NSHE.

c. The **Academic [~~Research~~] and Student Affairs Committee** shall:

1. Provide guidance in the development, review and recommendation of academic programs and degrees of the NSHE;
2. Consider and recommend to the Board policies concerning academic master plans;
3. Consider and recommend to the Board policies and practices concerning articulation and the transfer of students between and among the member institutions;
4. Consider and recommend to the Board policies relating to admission requirements, student services, academic standards, grading practices and requirements for graduation;
5. [~~Consider and recommend to the Board policies that support and encourage research within NSHE institutions;~~
- 6.] Consider and recommend policies to the Board regarding implementation of distance education, telecommunicated education and applications of educational and information technology in support of teaching, learning, research and creative activities;
- 7] 6. Oversee and review campus management of faculty workload to assure equity, efficiency and effectiveness in the disposition of faculty effort;
- 8] 7. Facilitate the development, review, and implementation of policies to the Board relevant to the learning climate, working climate, and support mechanisms for faculty, staff, and students;
- 9] 8. Review and make recommendations concerning campus plans for the provision of child care and disability services; and
- 10] 9. Jointly with the Business and Finance Committee, consider and recommend to the Board policies concerning NSHE enrollment management plans, tuition and fees and the development of a student financial aid system for the NSHE that promotes access to public higher education for all Nevadans.

d. The **Cultural Diversity Committee** shall study issues and recommend policies to the Board in an effort to promote cultural and ethnic diversity throughout the System in order to ensure access and equity for all students. The Committee shall:

1. Review and examine issues, information, and activities that promote diversity among the students, staff and faculty of the System;
2. Examine information and indicators of student access and equity;
3. Make recommendations to the Board intended to create, enhance, promote, and support an educational environment that welcomes all cultural and ethnic minorities; and
4. Take actions appropriate to increase awareness, visibility, and emphasis of campus diversity programs.

e. The **Investment and Facilities Committee** shall:

1. Formulate and recommend to the Board appropriate investment policies to govern the investment program of the NSHE;
2. Review and evaluate reports from the investment managers of the NSHE concerning investment and reinvestment transactions within the limits of the investment policies approved by the Board;
3. Make such recommendations deemed appropriate concerning investment and reinvestment transactions consistent with the investment policies approved by the Board and with agreements, if any, with the investment managers of the NSHE;
4. Review institutional requests to purchase or dispose of NSHE property;
5. Review all institutional requests to enter into property lease agreements of four years or longer;
6. Review any requests to lease NSHE property to an outside agency or private entity;
7. Review all institutional requests to enter into lease agreements for amounts greater than \$400,000;

8. Review the land acquisitions and disposal portions of all institutional master plans;
 9. Review all institutional requests for easements on NSHE property; and
 10. Review annual update of all NSHE property holdings and long-term leases.
 11. Review and recommend to the Board the NSHE capital improvement priority lists, with the primary objective of affirming the connections between the requests and the institutional facilities master plans;
 12. Review and recommend to the Board institutional facilities master plans; and
 13. Review and recommend to the Board a System space utilization model and periodically review institutional and System-wide space utilization data.
- f. The **Health Sciences System Committee** shall promote quality education, research, patient care and community health across health care disciplines, driven by access, quality, value and the needs of the people of the State of Nevada.
- g. *The Workforce, Research and Economic Development Committee shall:*
1. *Consider and recommend to the Board policies that appropriately align research within NSHE institutions with the priorities of the State Plan for Economic Development and support and encourage private sector engagement;*
 2. *Provide guidance, strategies and recommend policies to support workforce development efforts within the NSHE;*
 3. *Facilitate dialogue between the NSHE, business and industry, state and federal governmental representatives, institutional foundations, the state's Advisory Council on Economic Development, and the state's Board of Economic Development in implementing the State Plan for Economic Development and related issues, and appropriate funding to support NSHE workforce, research and economic development initiatives;*
 4. *Provide guidance, strategies and recommend policies to support the sourcing of supplemental public and private sector funding for the colleges, universities and research institute to augment the financial support provided by the State for workforce and economic development initiatives;*
 5. *Consider and recommend to the Board policies that support and encourage technology transfer, entrepreneurship and commercialization; and*
 6. *Consult with the Executive Director of the Nevada Office of Economic Development and recommend Board policies to support the administration of the Knowledge Fund in a manner consistent with State Plan for Economic Development.*