

**BOARD OF REGENTS* and its
ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

UNLV Student Union Ballroom A
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
4505 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas
Thursday, December 1, 2011, 9:00 a.m.

BOARD

ROLL CALL:

Dr. Jason Geddes, Chair	_____
Mr. Kevin J. Page, Vice Chair	_____
Mr. Mark Alden	_____
Dr. Andrea Anderson	_____
Mr. Robert Blakely	_____
Mr. Cedric Crear	_____
Dr. Mark W. Doubrava	_____
Mr. Ron Knecht	_____
Mr. James Dean Leavitt	_____
Mr. Kevin C. Melcher	_____
Dr. Jack Lund Schofield	_____
Mr. Rick Trachok	_____
Mr. Michael B. Wixom	_____

COMMITTEE

ROLL CALL:

Dr. Andrea Anderson, Chair	_____
Dr. Jack Lund Schofield, Vice Chair	_____
Mr. Cedric Crear	_____
Dr. Mark W. Doubrava	_____
Mr. Rick Trachok	_____

In addition to the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, this meeting is noticed as a meeting of the Board of Regents to allow other Regents who may wish to attend to participate.

NOTE: Below is an agenda of all items scheduled to be considered. Notification is hereby provided that items on the agenda may be taken out of the order presented, two or more agenda items may be combined for consideration, and an agenda item may be removed from the agenda or discussion relating to an item on the agenda may be delayed at any time.

In accordance with the Board of Regents' Bylaws, Title I, Article V, Section 20, items voted on may be the subject of a motion to reconsider at this meeting. A motion to reconsider an item may be made at any time before adjournment of this meeting. Similarly, if an item is tabled at any time during the meeting, it may, by proper motion and vote, be taken from the table and thereafter be the subject of consideration and action at any time before adjournment of this meeting.

*The Board of Regents, at its regularly scheduled meetings, meets concurrently with its Committees (the Audit Committee; the Academic and Student Affairs Committee; the Business and Finance Committee; the Cultural Diversity Committee; the Investment and Facilities Committee; the Health Sciences System Committee; and the Workforce, Research and Economic Development Committee). The Board's Committee meetings take place in accordance with the agendas published for those Committees. Regents who are not members of the Committees may attend the Committee meetings and participate in the discussion of Committee agenda items. However, action items will only be voted on by the members of each Committee,

unless a Regent is temporarily made a member of that Committee under Board of Regents' Bylaws, Title 1, Article VI, Section 6. The full Board of Regents will consider Committee action items in accordance with the Board of Regents' agenda published for the current or for a subsequent meeting.

In accordance with the Board of Regents' Bylaws, Title 1, Art. V, Section 13, a quorum may be gained by telephonic hookup.

In accordance with NRS 241.020(6), support materials that are submitted to the Board of Regents' Office and then distributed to the members of the Board of Regents after the mailing of this agenda but before the meeting, will be made available as follows: 1. Copies of any such supplemental support materials are available at the Board of Regents' Office Reno, Nevada. A copy may be requested by calling (775) 784-4958; 2. Copies of any such supplemental support materials will be available at the meeting site.

Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate physically disabled persons attending the meeting. Please call the Board office at (775) 784-4958 in advance so that arrangements may be made.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT INFORMATION

Public comment will be taken during this agenda item. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter is included on an agenda as an item on which action may be taken. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person. Persons making comment will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record and to spell their last name. The Committee Chair may elect to allow additional public comment on a specific agenda item when that agenda item is being considered.

2. CONSENT ITEMS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Consent items will be considered together and acted on in one motion unless an item is removed to be considered separately by the Committee.

2a. MINUTES FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Request is made for approval of the minutes from the September 8, 2011, meeting. ([Ref. ASA-2a](#))

2b. GBC – PROGRAM FOR POSSIBLE ACTION ELIMINATION, AAS IN INDUSTRIAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY

GBC requests approval to eliminate its AAS in Industrial Energy Efficiency due to low enrollment in the program. There are no students in the program. ([Ref. ASA-2b](#))

2c. UNLV – PROGRAM ELIMINATIONS, BS, MS and PHD IN INFORMATICS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

UNLV requests approval to eliminate its BS, MS and PHD in Informatics due to budget constraints. Students may pursue related degrees in the School of Computer Science. ([Ref. ASA-2c](#))

2d. UNLV – PROGRAM ELIMINATION, BAED IN WORKFORCE EDUCATION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

UNLV requests approval to eliminate its BAED in Workforce Education due to low enrollment in the program. Students currently enrolled in the program will be accommodated through graduation. ([Ref. ASA-2d](#))

2e. UNLV – ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT ELIMINATION, INSTITUTE FOR SECURITY STUDIES FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

UNLV requests approval to eliminate the Institute for Security Studies. The federal and local grants used to fund the Institute are no longer available. ([Ref. ASA-2e](#))

2f. UNLV – ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT ELIMINATION, DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN’S STUDIES FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

UNLV requests approval to eliminate the Department of Women’s Studies due to a low number of majors. Students currently enrolled can take courses in the Interdisciplinary Degree Programs where the Women’s Studies degree is offered. ([Ref. ASA-2f](#))

2g. NSC – PROGRAM ELIMINATION, BS IN OCCUPATIONAL SCIENCE **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

NSC requests approval to eliminate its BS in Occupational Science due to the termination of its agreement with Touro University and insufficient resources to hire additional faculty to support upper division coursework. Students currently enrolled will be accommodated through graduation.

[\(Ref. ASA-2g\)](#)

2h. UNR – PROGRAM DEACTIVATION, BFA IN THEATRE **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

UNR requests approval to deactivate its BFA in Theatre. Students currently enrolled will be accommodated through graduation. Deactivated programs are considered formally eliminated after five years unless the institution otherwise notifies the Board of its reactivation. [\(Ref. ASA-2h\)](#)

CONSENT ITEMS – FISCAL IMPACT: *None.*

ESTIMATED TIME: *5 mins.*

3. NSC ACCREDITATION REPORT **INFORMATION**

Dr. Erika Beck, Provost, NSC, will review the results of NSC's recent accreditation visit and review by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. Dr. Beck will review the recommendations and commendations of the Commission and answer questions related to the 2011 evaluation. [\(Ref. ASA-3\)](#)

ESTIMATED TIME: *20 mins.*

4. NSHE TEACHER EDUCATION REPORT **INFORMATION**

College of Education Deans Dr. Chris Cheney, UNR, and Dr. William Speer, UNLV, will provide a summary of the current status of teacher education programs across the NSHE. The report will include information related to the impact of the reorganization of the two university teacher education colleges; quality of teacher preparation programs, including pass rates on teacher licensure examinations; and the anticipated Common Core State Standards. [\(Ref. ASA-4a and ASA-4b\)](#)

ESTIMATED TIME: *30 mins.*

5. NEW PROGRAM REVIEW

INFORMATION

Associate Vice Chancellor Crystal Abba will present the third and fifth year new academic program reviews, as mandated by Board policy (*Title 4, Chapter 14, Section 4*). ([Ref. ASA-5](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 mins.

6. EXISTING PROGRAM REVIEW

INFORMATION

Associate Vice Chancellor Crystal Abba will present a report on the institutional review of existing academic programs that are at least ten years old, as mandated by Board policy (*Title 4, Chapter 14, Section 4*). ([Ref. ASA-6](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 mins.

7. HANDBOOK REVISION, GRADING POLICY FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Associate Vice Chancellor Crystal Abba requests approval of a revision to Board policy (*Title 4, Chapter 16, Section 37*) that establishes an F grade resulting from non-attendance to be denoted with a grade of FN for the purpose of tracking students for financial aid purposes. ([Ref. ASA-7](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 15 mins.

**8. HANDBOOK REVISION, REDUCED FEES FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

Associate Vice Chancellor Crystal Abba requests approval of a revision to Board policy (*Title 4, Chapter 17, Section 11*) concerning reduced fee authorizations for high school students. Specifically, the proposal would eliminate the provision authorizing institutions to offer remedial and 100-level courses on a high school campus at a reduced fee and revise the provision concerning reduced fees for distance education courses to expand to all distance learning courses (not college-level only) and increase the fee from \$25 to \$50 per course, effective Fall 2012. ([Ref. ASA-8](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 15 mins.

9. NEW BUSINESS

INFORMATION

Items for consideration at future meetings may be suggested. Any discussion of an item under “New Business” is limited to description and clarification of the subject matter of the item, which may include the reasons for the request.

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

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