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

Building B, Room 105
College of Southern Nevada
6375 West Charleston Boulevard, Las Vegas
Thursday, March 6, 2014

Members Present: Dr. Jason Geddes, Chair
 Dr. Jack Lund Schofield, Vice Chair
 Dr. Andrea Anderson
 Mr. Robert J. Blakely
 Dr. Mark W. Doubrava

Others Present: Ms. Crystal Abba, Vice Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs
 Dr. Constance Brooks, Vice Chancellor, Gov't and Community Affairs
 Ms. Allison Combs, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs
 Ms. Renee Davis, Director, Student Affairs
 Dr. Stephen G. Wells, President, DRI
 Dr. Mark A. Curtis, President, GBC
 Mr. Bart J. Patterson, President, NSC
 Mr. Donald D. Snyder, President, UNLV
 Dr. Marc A. Johnson, President, UNR

Faculty senate chairs in attendance were Mr. Thomas Reagan, GBC; Mr. Ron Marston, TMCC; Dr. Paul Werth, UNLV; Dr. Swatee Naik, UNR; and Ms. Holly O'Toole, WNC. Student body presidents in attendance were Mr. Alex Porter, GBC; Mr. Deuvall Dorsey, NSC; Ms. Stephanie Prevost, TMCC; and Ms. Alejandra Leon, WNC.

For others present, please see the attendance roster on file in the Board office.

Chair Jason Geddes called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. with all members present.

1. Information Only-Public Comment – None.
2. Approved-Consent Items – The Committee recommended approval of the following Consent Items:
 - (2a.) Approved-Minutes – The Committee recommended approval of the minutes from the December 5, 2013, meeting (*Ref. ASA-2a on file in the Board office*).

- (2b.) Approved-UNLV, Program Elimination, Bachelor of Science in Environmental Geology – The Committee recommended approval of UNLV’s request to eliminate its Bachelor of Science in Environmental Geology as part of the Geoscience Department’s restructuring of the degree program offerings and curriculum to bring them up to date with current practices in Geoscience education (*Ref. ASA-2b on file in the Board office*). Currently enrolled students will be accommodated through graduation.
- (2c.) Approved-UNR, Program Elimination, Master of Arts in Literacy Studies – The Committee recommended approval of UNR’s request to eliminate its Master of Arts in Literacy Studies as part of a streamlining of its master’s degrees to offer only an M.Ed. (with thesis or non-thesis options) as opposed to both an M.Ed. and an MA option (*Ref. ASA-2c on file in the Board office*). All current students will be allowed and able to finish under the new program.

Regent Doubrava moved approval of the Consent Items. Regent Anderson seconded. Motion carried.

3. Information Only-Nevada College Savings Plan Programs (Agenda Item #6) – Nevada State Treasurer Kate Marshall reported on Nevada’s College Savings Plan programs which include the Nevada Prepaid Tuition Program, several 529 college savings plans that are state-sponsored, tax-advantaged programs designed to help parents and students save for college tuition, certain room and board costs, books, supplies and other qualified education expenses and the Nevada College Kick Start Program (<http://collegekickstart.nv.gov/>), a new initiative wherein all 2013-2014 Nevada public school kindergarten children have had \$50 placed into a SSgA Upromise 529 college savings account with their name on it (*Ref. ASA-6 on file in the Board office*).

In response to a question from Chair Geddes, Ms. Marshall indicated an outside consultant reviews the Nevada Prepaid Tuition Program investments to determine if they are meeting their benchmarks. The asset allocation policy is reviewed annually.

4. Information Only-UTeach Programs at UNLV, UNR and NSC (Agenda Item #3) – Dr. Kevin Carman, Executive Vice President and Provost, UNR; Dr. John White, Executive Vice President and Provost, UNLV; and Dr. James Garofalo, Interim Dean of the School of Education, NSC, reported on their collaborative initiative to replicate the national UTeach program (*Ref. ASA-3 on file in the Board office*). UTeach is an innovative and successful teacher preparation program for undergraduate students majoring in mathematics, science and computer science.

4. Information Only-UTeach Programs at UNLV, UNR and NSC (Agenda Item #3) – (continued)

UTeach's mission is to develop science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) literacy for all students through innovation and excellence in university-based teacher education.

The presentation included information on the origin of the UTeach program at the University of Texas at Austin, institutions replicating UTeach nationwide, program enrollments, projected numbers of UTeach graduates and UTeach replication in Nevada.

5. Approved-Handbook Revision, State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA), Student Complaints and Appeals (Agenda Item #4) – The Committee recommended approval of a revision to Board policy concerning student complaints and appeals at NSHE institutions that elect to participate in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) (Title 4, Chapter 14, new Sections 25, 26 and 27) established through the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education (WICHE) (Ref. ASA-4 on file in the Board office).

Ms. Crystal Abba, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, provided a brief review of the proposed revision which requires institutions to have a student complaint process generally, prohibits and defines deceptive trade practices and other acts of fraud and establishes procedures for student complaints and appeals that apply to resident and non-resident students who are enrolled in distance education courses at institutions that elect to participate in SARA. Institutions must have procedures governing student complaints and appeals relating to distance education and consumer fraud, as specified in the proposed policy, to be eligible to participate in SARA.

Regent Anderson moved approval of the proposed *Handbook* revision. Regent Blakely seconded. Motion carried.

6. Information Only-Code Revision, Student Program Dismissal Procedures (Agenda Item #5) – Vice Chancellor Brooke Nielsen presented a revision to Board policy concerning student program dismissals (Title 2, new Chapter 11) (Ref. ASA-5 on file in the Board office). Specifically, the proposed revision sets forth the academic reasons for which a student may be dismissed from a program and the related dismissal procedures.

Vice Chancellor Nielsen noted under the proposed policy, system institutions, professional schools and individual programs may adopt their own written policies, procedures and sanctions for program dismissals contingent upon the approval of the institution's general counsel. This item is presented for information only and will be presented for action at the Board of Regents' June 5-6, 2014, meeting.

7. Approved-Regents' Awards – The Committee recommended approval of the following nominations for 2014 Regents' awards (*Ref. ASA-7 on file in the Board office*):
 - a. Nevada Regents' Creative Activities Award
Donald Revell, UNLV
 - b. Nevada Regents' Teaching Award-Community College
Kevin Raiford, CSN
 - c. Nevada Regents' Teaching Award-University, State College and DRI
Gwen Sharp, NSC
 - d. Nevada Regents' Academic Advisor Awards
Erika Bein, TMCC (Community College)
Tiffany Schmier, UNLV (Undergraduate)
Cheryll Glotfelty, UNR (Graduate)

Regent Doubrava moved approval of the nominations for 2014 Regents' awards.
Regent Blakely seconded. Motion carried.
8. Information Only-New Business – Chair Geddes encouraged the institutions to continue their work on the 15 to Finish campaign. He noted excess credit fee notifications have begun and, as a result, students are meeting with their advisors. Due to time limitations, the regularly scheduled report on financial aid will be postponed until the September meeting of the Committee. In June, the Committee will hear a report on remediation that will include new data on placement rates and a report from the Student Affairs Council on the challenges institutions face in serving students with mental health issues. Finally, in support of the Complete College America initiative, the NSHE is sponsoring a summit on April 18 that will focus on gateway course completion. The Committee will hear a report on the outcomes of the summit at its June meeting.
9. Information Only-Public Comment – None.

The meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

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