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

Student Union, Ballroom A
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
4505 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas
Thursday, December 5, 2013

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
 Ms. Brooke Nielsen, Vice Chancellor, Legal Affairs
 Dr. Constance Brooks, Asst. Vice Chancellor, Government Affairs
 Ms. Allison Combs, Asst. Vice Chancellor, Acad. and Student Affairs
 Ms. Renee Davis, Director, Student Affairs
 Dr. Stephen G. Wells, President, DRI
 Dr. Mark A. Curtis, President, GBC
 Dr. Maria C. Sheehan, President, TMCC

Faculty senate chairs in attendance were Mr. Thomas Reagan, GBC; Mr. Ron Marston, TMCC; and Ms. Holly O'Toole, WNC. Student body presidents in attendance were Mr. Noah Fraser, DRI; Mr. Alex Porter, GBC; 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 4:00 p.m. with all members present.

1. Information Only-Public Comment – Mr. Brian McAnallen, Las Vegas Metro Chamber of Commerce (LVMCC), expressed concern regarding the proposal to move Nevada Industry Excellence (NVIE) from System Administration to Statewide Programs at UNR. He inquired about the discussions held with the business community regarding the proposal and noted the LVMCC, which works to promote industrial manufacturing in southern Nevada, was not asked to provide input. Mr. McAnallen was pleased to see CSN and UNLV were invited to join the NVIE Advisory Board; however, he remains concerned about moving NVIE to Statewide Programs at UNR without first engaging in a larger dialogue.

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 September 5, 2013, meeting (*Ref. ASA-2a on file in the Board office*).
- (2b.) Approved-CSN, Program Elimination, Associate of Applied Science in CADD Technology – The Committee recommended approval of CSN’s request to eliminate its Associate of Applied Science in CADD Technology (*Ref. ASA-2b on file in the Board office*). The degree is no longer required by the design employers. The program will be phased out over the next two years and students currently enrolled in the program will have the opportunity to graduate.
- (2c.) Approved-WNC, Program Change, Associate of Applied Science in Deaf Studies – The Committee recommended approval of WNC’s request to change its Associate of Arts in Deaf Studies to an Associate of Applied Science in Deaf Studies (*Ref. ASA-2c on file in the Board office*). This change is part of WNC’s ongoing effort to consolidate program offerings. The curriculum will not change substantially and all courses, resource materials and equipment needed to complete the change are in place.
- (2d.) Approved-UNR, Program Change, Bachelor of Science in Metallurgical Engineering – The Committee recommended approval of UNR’s request to change its Bachelor of Science with a major in Metallurgical Engineering to a Bachelor of Science in Metallurgical Engineering (*Ref. ASA-2d on file in the Board office*). This change to a named degree follows named degree models at the same or higher tier universities that offer a Metallurgical Engineering program. Currently, Metallurgical Engineering is the only program of all engineering programs at UNR and in the NSHE that does not have a named degree.

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

3. Approved-TMCC, New Degree, Associate of Science in Nursing – The Committee recommended approval of TMCC’s request for an Associate of Science in Nursing (*Ref. ASA-3 on file in the Board office*). With the change in market demands, TMCC needs to prepare nursing students who can not only transition into the nursing profession but also seamlessly transfer to the college and university system to obtain their baccalaureate degree in nursing.

Dr. Jane Nichols, Vice President of Academic Affairs, TMCC, provided a brief overview of the proposed Associate of Science in Nursing program.

Regent Anderson moved approval of an Associate of Science in Nursing at TMCC. Regent Doubrava seconded. Motion carried.

4. Approved-System Administration, Organizational Unit Change, Nevada Industry Excellence – The Committee recommended approval of System Administration’s request to move Nevada Industry Excellence (NVIE) to Statewide Programs at UNR (*Ref. ASA-4 on file in the Board office*). NVIE is an industrial extension program whose mission is to help Nevada manufacturers, mines and construction organizations transform the way they do business and become more competitive in the markets they serve.

Ms. Crystal Abba, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, provided a brief history of NVIE, noting the organizational unit was initially established at UNR and was moved to System Administration during a period of restructuring at the university approximately 10 years ago. The majority of state-affiliated Manufacturing Extension Partnership centers are housed within individual universities across the country. NVIE is one of very few entities housed at the system level.

Vice Chancellor Abba said discussions were held with a number of organizations during the development of the proposal. She acknowledged the LVMCC was not included in those conversations and apologized for the oversight. Vice Chancellor Abba stated NVIE is primarily funded through federal grants and private client fees. The transfer of approximately \$325,000 in state funding for NVIE to Statewide Programs at UNR will require separate action from the Interim Finance Committee of the Nevada Legislature.

In response to a question from Chair Geddes, Vice Chancellor Abba agreed the addition of CSN and UNLV to the NVIE Advisory Board will strengthen its ties to the southern Nevada community. She noted NVIE has always had a statewide focus and will continue to do so.

Regent Anderson moved approval of moving Nevada Industry Excellence to Statewide Programs at UNR. Regent Blakely seconded.

Regent Doubrava asked what would happen if NVIE continued to be housed within System Administration. Vice Chancellor Abba indicated nothing would happen; however, as proven by other states, moving NVIE to Statewide Programs at UNR would better benefit the program. In addition, she believes affiliation with an institution will provide opportunities for NVIE to better leverage existing relationships with faculty across the system.

Motion carried. Regent Doubrava voted no.

5. Approved-UNLV, New Organizational Unit, Nutrition Center – The Committee recommended approval of UNLV’s request to establish the UNLV Nutrition Center (*Ref. ASA-5 on file in the Board office*). The mission of the Center is to serve the UNLV and Las Vegas communities in promoting health and wellness and preventing and managing chronic disease through sound nutrition.

5. Approved-UNLV, New Organizational Unit, Nutrition Center – *(continued)*

Dr. Carl Reiber, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, UNLV, provided a brief overview of the proposed UNLV Nutrition Center.

Regent Schofield moved approval of establishing the UNLV Nutrition Center. Regent Blakely seconded.

Chair Geddes observed the Clark County division of the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension (UNCE) has a number of nutrition-related outreach programs. He asked how the UNLV Nutrition Center will interface with that existing resource. Dr. Laura Kruskall, Associate Professor of Nutrition Sciences, UNLV, said the university currently works with UNCE to provide supervised practice experiences for students. She noted UNCE programs are primarily funded by grants and are designed to educate specific populations such as individuals in the prison system. The UNLV Nutrition Center will focus on outreach to the local community and will offer a variety of short-term programs.

Motion carried.

6. Approved-UNR, New Organizational Unit, Cyber Security Center – The Committee recommended approval of UNR’s request to establish the UNR Cyber Security Center to bring together cross-disciplinary teams to address the growing need for expertise to respond to the challenges of cyber security (*Ref. ASA-6 on file in the Board office*). The mission of the Center is to master the challenge of cyber security by bringing together cross-disciplinary teams able to work in synchrony, examining each program and potential solution through their various “lenses.”

Dr. Kevin Carman, Executive Vice President and Provost, UNR provided a brief overview of the proposed UNR Cyber Security Center.

Regent Doubrava moved approval of establishing the UNR Cyber Security Center. Regent Blakely seconded. Motion carried.

7. Information Only-UNR BioFIT Program – Dr. Carman gave a PowerPoint presentation on the UNR BioFIT program (*Ref. ASA-7 on file in the Board office*).

The Freshman Intensive Transition (FIT) program is an “academic boot camp” for incoming freshmen and is intended to give students a jump start for success. The inaugural BioFIT program was conducted just prior to the Fall 2013 semester. Through the BioFIT program, students are taught study habits and time management, and experience actual lectures and exams in targeted courses. Attending the boot camp is voluntary and, this year, enrollment was limited to freshmen who plan to major in biology or neuroscience.

7. Information Only-UNR BioFIT Program – *(continued)*

Regent Anderson thanked Dr. Carman for the presentation and expressed hope that UNR will expand the program to additional majors.

Chair Geddes requested an update on the inaugural BioFIT program be presented to the Committee at its March 2014 meeting.

Ms. Stephanie Prevost, President, Student Government Association of TMCC, asked if the BioFIT program is available to transfer students. Dr. Carman said a program designed specifically for transfer students is currently being considered. He expressed an interest in meeting with Ms. Prevost to discuss the idea further.

8. Information Only-Strategies for Increasing Graduating Adult Learners and Former Students – Representatives from each institution presented strategies for recruiting, retaining and graduating adult learners and/or former students (*Ref. ASA-8 on file in the Board office*). The presentations included information on opportunities for adult learners to demonstrate college-level learning through prior learning assessments.

Chair Geddes indicated the Academic Affairs Council should bring forward recommendations for action based on the information contained in the reports. He is particularly interested in reverse transfer agreements, identifying revisions to Board policy that will grant more flexibility to the institutions and improve service to nontraditional students, and exploring the capabilities of the new student services software with regard to long-term tracking of students.

9. Information Only-New and Existing Program Review – Staff presented the first, third and fifth year new academic program reviews and the report on institutional reviews of existing programs, as mandated by Board policy (*Title 4, Chapter 14, Section 5*) (*Ref. ASA-9a and ASA-9b on file in the Board office*).

10. Information Only-New Business – Chair Geddes observed the first 15 to Finish advisor workshop was held in Las Vegas on November 15. Over 80 advisors from UNLV, NSC and CSN were in attendance. He expressed the Committee's gratitude to campus leadership for supporting the 15 to Finish campaign. Additional workshops will be held in Reno on December 16 for UNR, TMCC and WNC and in Elko on January 14. He encouraged all institutions to actively engage in this initiative.

11. Information Only-Public Comment – None.

The meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

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