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

Rogers Student Center, Innovation Commons
Nevada State College
1021 East Paradise Hills Drive, Henderson
Thursday, March 3, 2016

Members Present: Dr. Jason Geddes, Chair
 Mr. Sam Lieberman, Vice Chair
 Dr. Andrea Anderson
 Mr. Trevor Hayes
 Mr. Kevin C. Melcher

Members Absent: Ms. Allison Stephens

Other Regents Present: Mr. Rick Trachok

Others Present: Ms. Crystal Abba, Vice Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs
 Ms. Brooke Nielsen, Vice Chancellor, Legal Affairs
 Dr. Marcia Turner, Vice Chancellor, Health Sciences
 Ms. Allison Combs, Asst. Vice Chancellor and Director of Public Policy
 Ms. Renee Davis, Director, Student Affairs
 Dr. Mark A. Curtis, President, GBC
 Mr. Bart J. Patterson, President, NSC

Faculty senate chairs in attendance were Dr. Camille Naaktgeboren, CSN; Ms. Mary Doucette, GBC; Dr. Roberta Kaufman, NSC; and Dr. David Sanders, UNR. Representing student government was Ms. DeMarynee Saili, GBC.

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

Chair Jason Geddes called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. with all members present except Regent Stephens.

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 3, 2015, meeting (*Ref. ARSA-2a on file in the Board office*).

2. Approved-Consent Items – *(continued)*
 - (2b.) Approved-UNR, Program Deactivation, Master of Arts in Secondary Education – The Committee recommended approval of UNR’s request to deactivate the Master of Arts in Secondary Education (*Ref. ARSA-2b on file in the Board office*).
 - (2c.) Approved-UNLV, Academic Master Plan Revision – The Committee recommended approval of UNLV’s request to revise its Academic Master Plan, previously approved at the December 2014 meeting, to include among its planned programs an Executive Master of Health Care Administration (*Ref. ARSA-2c on file in the Board office*).
 - (2d.) Approved-WNC, Academic Master Plan Revision – The Committee recommended approval of WNC’s request to revise its Academic Master Plan, previously approved at the December 2014 meeting, to include among its planned programs an Associate of Business (*Ref. ARSA-2d on file in the Board office*).
 - (2e.) Approved-Handbook Revision, Residency Determinations – The Committee recommended approval of a revision to Board policy concerning residency determinations. Specifically, the policy revision clarifies that an individual may be deemed a resident student based on the student or the student’s family relocating to Nevada for the primary purpose of full-time employment “in Nevada” or to establish a business in “and living in” Nevada. In addition, the policy adds “in Nevada” to the definition of ‘relocated’ for purposes of residency determinations (*Title 4, Chapter 15, Sections 2 and 4*) (*Ref. ARSA-2e on file in the Board office*).

Regent Melcher moved approval of the consent items. Regent Anderson seconded. Motion carried. Regent Stephens was absent.

3. Approved-TMCC, New Organizational Unit, Center for Applied Logistics Management – The Committee recommended approval of TMCC’s request for a Center for Applied Logistics Management (CALM) that will bridge the academic and professional realms of logistics (*Ref. ARSA-3 on file in the Board office*). The Center will provide a location for parties to collaborate and respond to government and industry stakeholders’ need for the creation and dissemination of practical, cutting-edge, interdisciplinary knowledge and technologies to advance logistics, trade, transportation and warehousing/distribution, as well as to foster economic development.

Dr. Barbara Buchanan, Vice President of Academic Affairs, TMCC, provided a brief review of the proposal.

3. Approved-TMCC, New Organizational Unit, Center for Applied Logistics Management – (continued)

Regent Hayes recommended approval of a Center for Applied Logistics Management at TMCC. Vice Chair Lieberman seconded.

Regent Melcher noted the program has a lot of community support. Regent Hayes observed with the thriving logistics business in northern Nevada, this program is a perfect example of how the NSHE is responsive to the needs of employers.

Motion carried. Regent Stephens was absent.

4. Approved-WNC, New Degree, Associate of Business – The Committee recommended approval of WNC's request for an Associate of Business degree. The program will give students an opportunity to obtain a degree that will transfer directly to a four-year institution and will complement the existing Associate of Applied Science in Business (*Ref. ARSA-4 on file in the Board office*).

Dr. Robert Wynegar, Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs, WNC, provided a brief review of the proposal.

Regent Hayes recommended approval of an Associate of Business at WNC. Regent Anderson seconded.

Regent Anderson asked if the degree will transfer to UNR and UNLV. Dr. Wynegar indicated there are some issues with transfer to UNR because the business program at UNR is accredited individually. However, WNC purposefully built the two-year program around courses that already articulate to UNR. While it probably will not be equivalent to completing the first two years at UNR, Dr. Wynegar said this is an improvement for students.

Chair Geddes noted the Committee will have an opportunity to further discuss these issues when it receives the articulation audit report in June.

Motion carried. Regent Stephens was absent.

5. Approved-GBC, New Program, Bachelor of Arts in Social Science – The Committee recommended approval of GBC's request for a Bachelor of Arts in Social Science (*Ref. ARSA-5 on file in the Board office*). The degree offers students with a completed Associate of Arts an opportunity to pursue a more recognizable baccalaureate degree in social science at GBC. The program has social science

5. Approved-GBC, New Program, Bachelor of Arts in Social Science – (continued)

disciplines of anthropology, history, political science and psychology at its core and will provide students with vital skills and expertise in critical analysis and communication. Further, the program will prepare students for a variety of careers and post-graduate programs.

Dr. Mike McFarlane, Vice President of Academic Affairs, GBC, provided a brief review of the proposal.

Regent Melcher moved approval of a Bachelor of Arts in Social Science at GBC. Vice Chair Lieberman seconded.

In response to a question from Regent Hayes, Dr. McFarlane indicated if agenda items 5 and 6 are approved, GBC will be offering six or seven baccalaureate degrees. Regent Hayes expressed uncertainty about continuing to move in this direction. He said mission creep is not his concern. He is interested in finding the best tool to deliver education at the right level to meet the needs of the state. Regent Hayes noted the Board has yet to decide on a direction and policy for offering baccalaureate degrees to the rural areas.

Chair Geddes noted the Board will discuss this issue in April and again in June.

Regent Melcher said GBC is one of the leading institutions in the country with respect to community college baccalaureate degrees. Part of the community college mission is to provide programs in response to community need and he believes that is what GBC is doing. Regent Melcher noted that approval of agenda items 5 and 6 should not be considered a stepping stone to GBC becoming a state college, nor is it a validation of that direction. It is to fulfill a need in the community.

Vice Chair Lieberman said in terms of geography and serving the needs of the state, he feels the proposal is appropriate. He looks forward to a broader discussion by the full Board in April and June.

Motion carried. Regent Hayes voted no. Regent Stephens was absent.

6. Approved-GBC, New Program, Bachelor of Arts in Natural Resources – The Committee recommended approval of GBC's request for a Bachelor of Arts in Natural Resources (*Ref. ARSA-6 on file in the Board office*). The degree is designed to build on completed Associate of Science or Associate of Arts degrees with appropriate lower division prerequisites from any regionally accredited institution of higher education. Completion of the program will provide graduates with

6. Approved-GBC, New Program, Bachelor of Arts in Natural Resources –
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opportunities for employment in a wide range of job types in land management and environmental consulting, and as biological technicians and laboratory technicians. The degree will also function as a gateway into graduate school in resource-related disciplines.

Regent Anderson moved approval of a Bachelor of Arts in Natural Resources at GBC. Regent Melcher seconded. Motion carried. Regent Hayes voted no. Regent Stephens was absent.

7. Approved-UNR, New Program, Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering –

The Committee recommended approval of UNR's request for a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering (*Ref. ARSA-7 on file in the Board office*). The curriculum provides students with an interdisciplinary education that includes a strong background in math, science and electrical engineering. The program provides students with a firm foundation in electrical engineering fundamentals while teaching them how these principles are applied in biomedical engineering.

Dr. Kevin Carman, Executive Vice President and Provost, UNR, provided a brief review of the proposal.

Vice Chair Lieberman moved approval of a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering at UNR. Regent Hayes seconded.

Regent Hayes said in discussions with Dr. Marc A. Johnson, President, UNR, he understood the strategy for attaining Tier 1 status involved UNR focusing on applied sciences and advanced manufacturing and UNLV focusing on the health sciences. He asked whether this proposal means that UNR is now moving in the same direction as UNLV in its pursuit of Tier 1 status. Dr. Carman said he has not had a detailed discussion with UNLV; however, biomedical engineering is a vast field and he believes there is room for programs in both northern and southern Nevada.

Motion carried. Regent Stephens was absent.

8. Approved-UNLV, New Program, Executive Master of Health Care Administration – The Committee recommended approval of UNLV's request for an Executive Master of Health Care Administration in the School of Community Health Sciences (*Ref. ARSA-8 on file in the Board office*). The degree is designed for people with a minimum of three years of experience in administrative or

8. Approved-UNLV, New Program, Executive Master of Health Care Administration – *(continued)*

managerial health care positions, five years of professional experience or health care professionals with terminal degrees in health care. Because of their work experience, the number of credits required for this degree will be fewer in comparison to the current Master of Health Care Administration offered by the department. Accelerated or reduced credit programs are the norm for most executive degree programs. This program allows full-time health care professionals the opportunity to take courses in an online setting and better meet the commitments required by their profession while completing their degree sooner.

Dr. Carl Reiber, Senior Vice Provost, UNLV, provided a brief review of the proposal.

Vice Chair Lieberman moved approval of an Executive Master of Health Care Administration at UNLV. Regent Melcher seconded.

In response to a question from Regent Hayes, Dr. Reiber said the program is priced competitively and employers will likely cover the bulk of the tuition for students.

Chair Geddes noted this program has the highest differential fee in the NSHE. Dr. Reiber explained that in determining the fee, UNLV first confirmed that the resources were available to develop the program and then looked forward to ensure the fee was in the ballpark of market demand.

Motion carried. Regent Stephens was absent.

9. Approved-Ensuring Quality Programs within NSHE Institutions; Handbook Revision, Existing Program Reviews – The Committee heard a report on how NSHE institutions are evaluating and ensuring quality academic programs (*Ref. ARSA-9a on file in the Board office*). The presentation included information on interactions with local employers, evaluation of student success and the accreditation process as they relate to ensuring program integrity.

The Committee also recommended approval of a revision to Board policy concerning the annual report of the institutions' existing program reviews. Specifically, the policy revision requires selected institutions to present more detailed information on their program reviews (*Title 4, Chapter 14, Section 5*) (*Ref. ARSA-9b on file in the Board office*).

9. Approved-Ensuring Quality Programs within NSHE Institutions; Handbook Revision, Existing Program Reviews – (continued)

Regent Anderson moved approval of the proposed revision to the *Handbook* concerning existing program reviews. Vice Chair Lieberman seconded. Motion carried. Regent Stephens was absent.

10. Information Only-Building out the Statewide Mission of NSC – NSC President Bart Patterson presented a statewide vision for NSC and an expansion of its role in providing students the opportunity to earn high-quality baccalaureate degrees at a lower cost to the state and student than at a university (Ref. ARSA-10a and ARSA 10b on file in the Board office). The vision includes 2+2 and 3+1 degree pathways and also builds on the mission of NSC to offer quality, affordable four-year degree programs. These efforts open the door to career success and enhanced quality of life for a diverse population of students and further support Nevada's Complete College America Goals.

Regent Hayes said NSC needs to expand its reach to meet the needs of the state. He would love to see additional campuses across the valley and around the state.

Regent Melcher encouraged a future discussion on building a strategic plan for institutional growth in Nevada. He recommended the Board take a deeper look at successful models in neighboring states, including Utah and Arizona, to see what pieces may work in Nevada.

11. Approved-Regents' Awards – The Committee recommended approval of the following nominations for 2016 Regents' awards (Refs. ARSA-11a, ARSA-11b, ARSA-11c, ARSA-11d and ARSA 11-e on file in the Board office):

- a. Nevada Regents' Creative Activities Award
Lindsay Wilson, TMCC
Eunkang Koh, UNR
- b. Nevada Regents' Teaching Award
Dr. Engrid Barnett, TMCC (Community College)
Dr. Andrew Spivak, UNLV (University, State College and DRI)
- c. Nevada Regents' Academic Advisor Awards
Dr. Natalie Brown, TMCC (Community College)
Stacy Shapin, UNLV (Undergraduate)
Dr. James Busser, UNLV (Graduate)
- d. Nevada Regents' Researcher Award
Dr. Lawrence Walker, UNLV
- e. Nevada Regents' Rising Researcher Award
Dr. Elisabeth Hausrath, UNLV
Dr. Henry Fu, UNR
Dr. Adam C. Watts, DRI

11. Approved-Regents' Awards – *(continued)*

Vice Chair Lieberman moved approval of the nominations for 2016 Regents' awards. Regent Melcher seconded. Motion carried. Regent Stephens was absent.

12. Information Only-New Business – None.

13. Information Only-Public Comment – None.

The meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

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