

**BOARD OF REGENTS
BRIEFING PAPER**

1. Agenda Item Title: Report and Presentation by College Sports Solutions on the Athletics Competitiveness and Benchmarking Study
Meeting Date: November 28, 2016 meeting of the Committee on Athletics

2. BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:

At its November 30, 2015 meeting, the Committee on Athletics (the "Committee") approved a proposed scope of work for an Athletics Competitiveness and Benchmarking Study of the UNR and UNLV athletics departments (the "Study"). On December 18, 2015 Request for Proposal # 661-KO was issued seeking proposals from qualified firms and individuals to perform the Study. On February 25, 2016 the Committee awarded the Study to College Sports Solutions ("CSS"). On April 14, 2016 - NSHE and CSS entered into a Professional Services Agreement for the completion of the Study. During the summer and early fall of 2016 CSS conducted interviews at UNR and UNLV and gathered data necessary to complete the Study.

The Athletics Competitiveness and Benchmarking Study is now complete and the report produced by CSS is attached for the Committee's review, consideration and possible approval. CSS will provide a summary of the report and answer any questions the Committee has concerning the report and the Study. The Committee may provide feedback to the CSS, as well as System and institutional staff, and may provide further direction concerning the report and the Study as the Committee deems necessary.

3. SPECIFIC ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED OR REQUESTED:

That the Committee review, consider and possibly approve the report prepared by College Sports Solutions on the Athletics Competitiveness and Benchmarking Study of the UNR and UNLV athletic departments. College Sports Solutions will provide a presentation and summary of the report and answer questions from the Committee. The Committee may provide feedback to College Sports Solutions, as well as System and institutional staff, and may provide further direction concerning the report and Study as the Committee deems necessary.

4. IMPETUS (WHY NOW?):

In April of 2016 College Sports Solutions was hired to conduct an Athletics Competitiveness and Benchmarking Study of the UNR and UNLV athletic departments. The Study is now complete and ready for the Committee's review and possible approval.

5. BULLET POINTS TO SUPPORT REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

None.

6. POTENTIAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

None.

7. ALTERNATIVE(S) TO WHAT IS BEING REQUESTED/RECOMMENDED:

None.

8. COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY:

- Consistent With Board Policy: Title # ____ Chapter # ____ Section # ____
- Amends Current Board Policy: Title # ____ Chapter # ____ Section # ____
- Amends Current Procedures & Guidelines Manual: Chapter # ____ Section # ____
- Other: _____
- Fiscal Impact: Yes ____ No X

Explain: _____