

BOARD OF REGENTS
BRIEFING PAPER

1. Agenda Item Title: Follow-up information and next steps - Athletics Competitiveness and Benchmarking Study
Meeting Date: February 23, 2017 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.

At its last meeting on November 28, 2016, the Committee received the final Study and heard a presentation from CSS. (A copy of the Study - **Exhibit A** - and the presentation - **Exhibit B** - are attached for reference). The Committee asked CSS questions and requested that CSS provide additional information. Attached for the Committee’s review and consideration are two Addendums (**Exhibit C** and **Exhibit D**) to the Study containing the additional information the Committee requested.

In addition to reviewing the Addendums, the Committee may seek input, feedback and reaction to the Study from representatives of UNR and UNLV – including any additional information or clarifications each institution determines to be necessary.

Finally, the Committee may discuss next steps resulting from the Study, including any future agenda items and policy proposals, and may provide direction to System and institution staff accordingly.

3. SPECIFIC ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED OR REQUESTED:

That the Committee review, consider and possibly approve the Addendums to the Athletics Competitiveness and Benchmarking Study provided by College Sports Solution. The Committee may also seek input and reactions from UNR and UNLV to the Study and Addendums. In addition, the Committee may discuss next steps resulting from the Study, including future agenda items and policy proposals, and may provide direction to System and institution staff accordingly.

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. At its last meeting on November 30, 2016, the Committee received the Study and heard a presentation from College Sports Solutions. The Committee requested additional information that is contained in the attached Addendums (Exhibit C and Exhibit D).

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: _____