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

Paul Laxalt Education Center, S-144  
College of Southern Nevada  
3200 E. Cheyenne Avenue, North Las Vegas  
Thursday, March 2, 2017

Members Present:       Dr. Jason Geddes, Chair (*via telephone*)  
                              Mr. Sam Lieberman, Vice Chair  
                              Dr. Andrea Anderson  
                              Dr. Patrick R. Carter  
                              Mrs. Carol Del Carlo  
                              Mrs. Cathy McAdoo

Other Regents Present:   Mr. Rick Trachok

Others Present:         Mr. John V. White, Chancellor  
                              Ms. Crystal Abba, Vice Chancellor, Academic & Student Affairs  
                              Mr. James Martines, System Counsel  
                              Ms. Allison Combs, Asst. Vice Chancellor & Director of Public Policy  
                              Ms. Renee Davis, Director, Student Affairs  
                              Dr. Robert B. Gagosian, President, DRI  
                              Mr. Bart J. Patterson, President, NSC  
                              Dr. Karin M. Hilgersom, President, TMCC  
                              Dr. Len Jessup, President, UNLV

Faculty senate chairs in attendance were Dr. John Rice, GBC; Dr. Bryan Sigel, NSC; Ms. Cheryl Cardoza, TMCC; Dr. Bill Robinson, UNLV; and Dr. Fred Harris, UNR. Student body presidents in attendance were Ms. Jill Robinson, CSN; Mr. Sandesh Kannan, UNR-GSA; Mr. David Turner II, TMCC; and Mr. Carlos Fernandez, UNLV-CSUN.

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

Vice Chair Sam Lieberman called the meeting to order at 9:19 a.m. with all members present except Chair Geddes.

1.     Information Only-Public Comment – None.
2.     Approved-Consent Items – The Committee recommended approval of the following consent items:

2. Approved-Consent Items – (continued)
  - (2a.) Approved-Minutes – The Committee recommended approval of the minutes from the December 1, 2016, meeting (*Ref. ARSA-2a on file in the Board office*).
  - (2b.) Approved-UNLV, Program Deactivation, Master of Arts in Science – The Committee recommended approval of UNLV’s request to deactivate its Master of Arts in Science to update the curriculum (*Ref. ARSA-2b on file in the Board office*). Students currently enrolled in the program will be able to complete their degrees.
  - (2c.) Approved-UNLV, Program Elimination, Master of Science and Master of Education in Workforce Education and Development – The Committee recommended approval of UNLV’s request to eliminate its Master of Science and Master of Education in Workforce Education and Development following a 2011 restructuring of the UNLV College of Education (*Ref. ARSA-2c on file in the Board office*). At the time of restructuring, undergraduate degrees in workforce education were eliminated and the M.S. and M.Ed. in Workforce Education and Development were moved to the Dean’s office with the intent of future elimination after students completed these degrees. There are no students currently enrolled in these two degrees.
  - (2d.) Approved-UNLV, Organizational Unit Elimination, Interdisciplinary Center for Aging Research and Education – The Committee recommended approval of UNLV’s request to eliminate the Interdisciplinary Center for Aging Research and Education (ICARE), which was funded primarily by a federal Health Resources and Services Administration grant (*Ref. ARSA-2d on file in the Board office*). The activities of ICARE ended when the funding ended in July 2015.
  - (2e.) Approved-TMCC, Program Deactivation, Associate of Applied Science in Architectural Design Technology – The Committee recommended approval of TMCC’s request to deactivate its Associate of Applied Science in Architectural Design Technology as the new Associate of Applied Science in Construction and Design with an emphasis in Residential Design (as approved by the Board in September 2016) is replacing this degree (*Ref. ARSA-2e on file in the Board office*). Students currently working on the degree will be able to continue and complete their coursework under the new degree.

2. Approved-Consent Items – (continued)

- (2f.) Approved-TMCC, Program Deactivation, Associate of Arts in Architecture – The Committee recommended approval of TMCC’s request to deactivate its Associate of Arts in Architecture as the new Associate of Applied Science in Construction and Design with an emphasis in Architecture (as approved by the Board in September 2016) is replacing this degree (*Ref. ARSA-2f on file in the Board office*). Students currently working on the degree will be able to continue and complete their coursework under the new degree.
- (2g.) Approved-TMCC, Program Elimination, Associate of Arts in Early Childhood Education – The Committee recommended approval of TMCC’s request to eliminate its Associate of Arts in Early Childhood Education, which will be replaced by an Early Childhood emphasis within the general Associate of Arts degree (*Ref. ARSA-2g on file in the Board office*). The new emphasis will mirror the eliminated degree, but it will not be a named degree. Students currently enrolled will be able to complete the AA in Early Childhood Education as all of the required courses will continue to be offered.
- (2h.) Approved-Handbook Revision, Reclassification – The Committee recommended approval of a revision to Board policy regarding student residency reclassification (*Title 4, Chapter 15, Section 8*) (*Ref. ARSA-2h on file in the Board office*). Specifically, the policy revision clarifies that students who initially enroll in an NSHE institution under a Board-approved tuition discount program that includes nonresidence as a qualification will be treated the same way as WICHE Western Undergraduate Exchange (“WUE”) students for purposes of residency reclassification.
- (2i.) Approved-Handbook and Code Revisions, Use and Possession of Marijuana – The Committee recommended approval of a revision to Board policy regarding the use and possession of marijuana at NSHE campuses and facilities following the approval of Ballot Question No. 2 (Initiative to Regulate and Tax Marijuana) by Nevada voters in November 2016. Because the use, possession or cultivation of marijuana is still prohibited by federal law at institutions that receive Title IV funding, the policy proposal revises current Board policy that is specific to medical marijuana to clarify that the use and possession of marijuana in general is prohibited.

The Committee also reviewed two Code revisions (*Title 2, Chapter 6, Section 6.2.1(ee)* and *Title 2, Chapter 10, Section 10.2.1(t)*) that were presented for information only and will be presented for approval at a subsequent meeting (*Ref. ARSA-2i on file in the Board office*).

2. Approved-Consent Items – (continued)

Regent Anderson moved approval of the consent items. Regent Del Carlo seconded. Motion carried. Chair Geddes was absent.

3. Approved-UNLV, Program Proposal, Master of Science in Nutrition Sciences – The Committee recommended approval of UNLV's request for a Master of Science in Nutrition Sciences that will provide graduates with skills and knowledge to be nutrition and dietetics professionals, serving in numerous community, food service, management and clinical settings (*Ref. ARSA-3 on file in the Board office*). This degree ideally serves students who have completed a Bachelor of Science in Nutrition Sciences and wish to become Registered Dietitian Nutritionists (RDN), as completion of a master's degree is a new accreditation requirement for licensure as an RDN.

Chair Geddes joined the meeting via telephone.

Dr. Diane Chase, Executive Vice President and Provost, UNLV, provided a brief review of the proposal.

Regent Del Carlo moved approval of a Master of Science in Nutrition Sciences at UNLV. Regent Anderson seconded. Motion carried.

4. Approved-UNLV, Program Proposal, Doctor of Dental Surgery – The Committee recommended approval of UNLV's request for a Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.) for graduates of non-U.S. accredited dental school programs (*Ref. ARSA-4 on file in the Board office*). Twenty-seven dental schools in the U.S. already have similar programs, accepting between ten and 80 foreign-trained dentists per year as part of their fast-track dental curricula. These dentists are pursuing a degree from a U.S. accredited dental school to meet the fundamental requirement for either state licensure or graduate study.

Dr. Chase provided a brief review of the proposal.

In response to a question from Regent Anderson, Dr. Karen West, Dean, UNLV School of Dental Medicine, indicated a maximum of eight students per year will be accepted into the program due to space limitations.

Regent McAdoo moved approval of a Doctor of Dental Surgery for graduates of non-U.S. accredited dental school programs at UNLV. Regent Carter seconded. Motion carried.

5. Approved-UNLV, Organizational Unit Proposal, The Intersection: Academic Multicultural Resource Center – The Committee recommended approval of UNLV’s request for The Intersection: Academic Multicultural Resource Center to serve as a comprehensive center for UNLV first generation college students and students of color (*Ref. ARSA-5 on file in the Board office*). Through targeted programming and partnerships with academic colleges, departments, community stakeholders and organizations, The Intersection is designed to cultivate success for first generation and students of color by serving as an intersecting campus resource that provides access, resources and linkages to research, information and services designed to cultivate success for first generation students and students of color.

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

Vice Chair Lieberman said The Intersection will be an asset to the University and its curriculum.

Regent Anderson moved approval of The Intersection: Academic Multicultural Resource Center at UNLV. Regent Del Carlo seconded. Motion carried.

6. Approved-UNLV, Organizational Unit Proposal, UNLV Public Policy Institute (Agenda Item 11) – The Committee recommended approval of UNLV’s request for the MGM Resorts Public Policy Institute, a research institute with the goal of engaging in constructive policy discourse through the development and use of practical, rigorous, solution-based research (*Ref. ARSA-11 on file in the Board office*). The Institute will work collaboratively with policy stakeholders to identify critical areas for inquiry and develop rigorous analyses that shape further discourse on innovative public/private solutions.

Dr. Len Jessup, President, UNLV, provided a brief review of the proposal.

President Jessup noted this is a collaborative effort between UNLV and MGM Resorts International, with Senator Harry Reid and Speaker John Boehner, two luminaries in the political world, serving as co-chairs of the Institute.

Regent Del Carlo inquired about the funding for the Institute. President Jessup said in contemplation of what it would take to deliver this program on campus for three years, they arrived at a pro forma budget of approximately \$300,000 per year for the next three years. The majority of the costs are in labor including faculty, support, research activities and events.

In response to a question from Regent Del Carlo, President Jessup indicated program reviews will be conducted periodically throughout the three-year period, and a full review will be conducted at the end of the third year to determine next steps.

6. Approved-UNLV, Organizational Unit Proposal, UNLV Public Policy Institute (Agenda Item 11) – (continued)

In response to a question from Chair Geddes, President Jessup confirmed that the Institute will be fully funded by MGM Resorts International for the first three years. Regent Geddes asked if the Institute will compliment or compete with Brookings Mountain West and the Lincy Institute at UNLV. President Jessup said Brookings tends to focus on issues that are specific to the Mountain West, while the Lincy Institute focuses more on social issues, particularly education. He believes there will be a complimentary and collaborative relationship among the three institutes.

Regent McAdoo observed that politically charged arenas can require additional security, particularly in the current environment. She asked if such a need is anticipated. President Jessup said the Institute will take a bipartisan approach to addressing issues that are important to everyone. He does not believe it will pose an increased security risk to the campus. President Jessup noted the UNLV Police Department works in concert with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department to manage these types of issues.

Vice Chair Lieberman said the Institute is vital to moving the community, the University and its partners forward to Top Tier and well beyond.

Vice Chair Lieberman moved approval of the MGM Resorts Public Policy Institute at UNLV. Regent Del Carlo seconded. Motion carried.

7. Approved-NSC, Program Proposal, Bachelor of Arts in Deaf Studies (Agenda Item 6) – The Committee recommended approval of NSC's request for a Bachelor of Arts in Deaf Studies to train students in American Sign Language (ASL), deaf culture and history, and interpreting (Ref. ARSA-6 on file in the Board office). This degree responds to the strong demand for qualified interpreters in Nevada and nationally. Through the study of ASL, deaf culture and interpreting, students in the BA in Deaf Studies program learn to improve intercultural communication and bridge cultural divides, ultimately reducing inequality and strengthening the community.

Dr. Tony Scinta, Interim Provost, NSC, provided a brief review of the proposal.

Regent Anderson moved approval of a Bachelor of Arts in Deaf Studies at NSC. Regent McAdoo seconded. Motion carried.

8. Approved-TMCC, Organizational Unit Change, Academic Divisions/Student Services (Agenda Item 7) – The Committee recommended approval of TMCC’s request to reorganize its departments within the academic divisions under the office of the Vice President of Academic Affairs (VPAA) and to move the office of Equity, Inclusion and Sustainability from the President’s office to the office of the Vice President of Student Services (VPSS) (*Ref. ARSA-7 on file in the Board office*). The proposed reorganization better aligns the academic departments under the VPAA, facilitates TMCC’s ability to respond to workforce development needs and addresses an imbalance among the academic divisions involving shared resources and faculty workload.

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

Regent Del Carlo moved approval of the proposed reorganization of departments within the academic divisions under the VPAA and moving the office of Equity, Inclusion and Sustainability from the President’s office to the VPSS at TMCC. Regent Anderson seconded. Motion carried.

9. Information Only-Update on the CABNR Consolidation (Agenda Item 8) – UNR provided an update on the consolidation of the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources (CABNR), the Nevada Agricultural Experiment Station (NAES) and the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension (UNCE) into one administrative structure reporting to the Dean of CABNR. The consolidation was approved by the Board of Regents in September 2016.

Dr. Bill Payne, Dean and Director, CABNR/NAES, UNR, reported a nationwide search is underway for the Director of UNCE/Associate Dean for Engagement. Additionally, while in the midst of the prescribed 16-month transition period for the CABNR consolidation, a number of prioritized working groups have been assembled to address both administrative and programmatic issues. The University is in the process of commissioning an in-depth audit of UNCE through the NSHE to address issues raised by stakeholders. Dr. Payne noted that he met with a number of county commissioners and received positive feedback on the current direction. There has also been continued interaction with the Nevada Association of Counties and increased collaboration between UNCE and UNLV.

Regent McAdoo noted for the record that her husband is an employee of UNCE and chairs the search committee for the Director of UNCE/Associate Dean for Engagement.

In response to a question from Regent Anderson, Dr. Payne said it was important to allow for the airing and exploration of issues during this transition period, and

9. Information Only-Update on the CABNR Consolidation (Agenda Item 8) –  
(continued)

he believes the consolidation is now viewed more favorably among stakeholders and those at UNCE. The one issue that continues to be a challenge for land grant universities nationwide is finding the best match for those engaged in children, youth and family programs.

Regent Anderson inquired about the Living with Fire program, which she understands is important to constituents. Dr. Payne indicated the Living with Fire program has been duplicated throughout the country and in other parts of the world. Identifying a consistent funding source for the program has been a challenge; however, Dr. Payne said he is committed to sustaining the program.

10. Handbook Revision, Student Absences from Class (Agenda Item 9) – The Committee recommended approval of a revision to Board policy governing student absences to address concerns raised by the Committee when it approved a policy revision in December 2016 that was necessary to address a conflict in Board policy regarding student absences (*Title 4, Chapter 20, Section A.3*) (Ref. ARSA-9 on file in the Board office). The Committee Chair requested a subsequent revision to address the Committee's concerns. Specifically, the policy revision deletes language setting forth expectations regarding class attendance and the ability of instructors to set course attendance requirements under certain circumstances that the Committee indicated was not appropriate for Board policy.

Ms. Crystal Abba, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, provided a brief review of the proposed policy revision.

Chair Geddes moved approval of the proposed *Handbook* revision as presented.  
Regent Anderson seconded. Motion carried.

11. Approved-Regents' Awards (Agenda Item 10) – The Committee recommended approval of the nominations for 2017 Regents' awards (Ref. ARSA-10 on file in the Board office).

- a. Nevada Regents' Creative Activities Award  
Candace Garlock, TMCC (Community College)  
Francisco Menendez, UNLV (University, State College)
- b. Nevada Regents' Teaching Award  
Thomas Herring, WNC (Community College)  
Sarah Cummings, UNR (University, State College & DRI)
- c. Nevada Regents' Academic Advisor Awards  
Christine Marshall, GBC (Community College)  
Pamela Sandstrom, UNR (Undergraduate – Universities, State College)  
James Sedinger, UNR (Graduate – Universities, State College)



11. Approved-Regents' Awards (Agenda Item 10) – (continued)

- d. Nevada Regents' Researcher Award  
John Cushman, UNR
- e. Nevada Regents' Rising Researcher Award  
Alyssa N. Crittenden, UNLV  
Sarah Blithe, UNR  
Casey Schmidt, DRI

Chair Geddes moved approval of the nominations for 2017 Regents' awards.  
Regent Del Carlo seconded. Motion carried.

12. Information Only-New Business – Chair Geddes encouraged the new members of the Committee to read the 2015 Transfer and Articulation Audit report which contains several recommendations intended to improve transfer and articulation and support student success, including ensuring that students who transfer with a transferrable associates degree and follow a transfer agreement do not lose credits toward their bachelor's degree. The campuses have been given a timeline to develop the required transfer agreements with year-by-year course outlines. Those agreements will be audited again for the 2018-19 Academic Year. Chair Geddes noted it is important work of the Board and this Committee to ensure seamless articulation and transfer for NSHE students.

13. Information Only-Public Comment – None.

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

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