

**BOARD OF REGENTS
BRIEFING PAPER**

1. Agenda Item Title: Institutional responses to the Athletics Competitiveness and Benchmarking Study

Meeting Date: June 1, 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. On November 28, 2016, the Committee received the final Study and heard a presentation from CSS.

At the last meeting of the Committee, a request was made for UNLV and UNR to provide written responses to the Study for presentation and consideration by the Committee. It was requested that the responses describe how each institution plans to implement the recommendations in the Study.

Attached are the written responses to the Study submitted by UNLV and UNR. Also attached as reference material is a copy of the Study.

3. SPECIFIC ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED OR REQUESTED:

That the Committee review, consider, and discuss the attached written responses to the Athletics Competitiveness and Benchmarking Study provided by UNLV and UNR. The Committee may also discuss the next steps resulting from the Study and the institutional responses, 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. On November 28, 2016, the Committee received the Study and heard a presentation from College Sports Solutions. At the last meeting of the Committee, a request was made for UNLV and UNR to provide written responses to the Study for presentation and consideration by the Committee.

5. BULLET POINTS TO SUPPORT REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

N/A.

6. POTENTIAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

N/A.

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

N/A.

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: _____