

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

GBC Theatre
Great Basin College
1500 College Parkway, Elko
Thursday, September 7, 2017, 9:00 a.m.

BOARD

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Kevin J. Page, Chairman	_____
Dr. Jason Geddes, Vice Chairman	_____
Dr. Andrea Anderson	_____
Dr. Patrick R. Carter	_____
Mr. Cedric Crear	_____
Mrs. Carol Del Carlo	_____
Dr. Mark W. Doubrava	_____
Mr. Trevor Hayes	_____
Mr. Sam Lieberman	_____
Mrs. Cathy McAdoo	_____
Mr. John T. Moran	_____
Ms. Allison Stephens	_____
Mr. Rick Trachok	_____

COMMITTEE

ROLL CALL:

Dr. Andrea Anderson, Chair	_____
Dr. Patrick R. Carter, Vice Chair	_____
Mr. Cedric Crear	_____
Mr. Sam Lieberman	_____
Mr. Rick Trachok	_____

In addition to the Academic, Research and Student Affairs Committee, this meeting is noticed as a meeting of the Board of Regents to allow other Regents who may wish to attend to participate.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE AGENDA AND PUBLIC MEETING

NOTE: Below is an agenda of all items scheduled to be considered. Notification is hereby provided that items on the agenda may be taken out of the order presented, including moving an item to a different day if the meeting is noticed for more than one day, two or more agenda items may be combined for consideration, and an agenda item may be removed from the agenda or discussion relating to an item on the agenda may be delayed at any time.

In accordance with the Board of Regents' Bylaws, Title I, Article V, Section 20, items voted on may be the subject of a motion to reconsider at this meeting. A motion to reconsider an item may be made at any time before adjournment of this meeting. Similarly, if an item is tabled at any time during the meeting, it may, by proper motion and vote, be taken from the table and thereafter be the subject of consideration and action at any time before adjournment of this meeting.

*The Board of Regents, at its regularly scheduled meetings, meets concurrently with its Committees (the Academic, Research and Student Affairs Committee; the Audit and Compliance Committee; the Business, Finance and Facilities Committee; the Cultural Diversity and Title IX Compliance Committee; the Investment Committee; and the Health Sciences System Committee). The Board's Committee meetings take place in accordance with the agendas published for those Committees. Regents who are not members of the Committees may attend the Committee meetings and participate in the discussion of Committee agenda items. However, action items will only be voted on by the members of each Committee, unless a Regent is temporarily made a member of that Committee under Board of Regents' Bylaws, Title 1, Article VI, Section 6. The full Board of Regents will consider Committee action items in accordance with the Board of Regents' agenda published for the current or for a subsequent meeting.

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1. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION ONLY

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2. CONSENT ITEMS

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Consent items will be considered together and acted on in one motion unless an item is removed to be considered separately by the Committee.

2a. MINUTES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Request is made for approval of the minutes from the June 8, 2017, meeting. ([Ref. ARSA-2a](#))

**2b. UNLV – ORGANIZATIONAL
UNIT ELIMINATION,
CENTER FOR ATMOSPHERIC,
OCEANIC AND SPACE SCIENCES**

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

UNLV requests approval to eliminate its Center for Atmospheric, Oceanic and Space Sciences, as the Center is no longer funded. ([Ref. ARSA-2b](#))

**2c. UNLV – PROGRAM
DEACTIVATION, PhD
KINESIOLOGY**

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

UNLV requests approval to deactivate its Doctor of Philosophy degree in Kinesiology, as students now have the opportunity to earn this degree through the Interdisciplinary Health Sciences degree track. ([Ref. ARSA-2c](#))

2. CONSENT ITEMS – (Continued)

**2d. UNR – PROGRAM FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
DEACTIVATION,
MS COUNSELING AND
EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY**

UNR requests approval to deactivate its Master of Science in Counseling and Educational Psychology due to low student enrollment and insufficient faculty.

[\(Ref. ARSA-2d\)](#)

**2e. CSN - PROGRAM FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
DEACTIVATION, AAS
ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND HEALTH**

CSN requests approval to deactivate its Associate of Applied Science in Environmental Safety and Health due to declining student enrollment. [\(Ref. ARSA-2e\)](#)

2f. CODE REVISION, FACULTY PAID WITH SHORT TERM, NONSTATE FUNDS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Vice Chancellor Crystal Abba requests approval of a Code revision requested by the NSHE Academic Affairs Council clarifying eligibility for tenure of academic faculty whose initial appointments are in positions paid with more than .5 FTE short term, nonstate funds (*Title 2, Chapter 3, Section 3.2.2*). Specifically, the policy revision deletes the phrase “short term, nonstate” and specifies that the funds referenced are “grant, endowment, gift, clinical, contract, sponsored project or self-supporting funds.” The proposed Code revision was presented for initial discussion at the June 8-9, 2017, meeting.

[\(Ref. ARSA-2f\)](#)

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes

**3. UNLV – PROGRAM PROPOSAL, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY DOCTORATE**

UNLV requests approval of an Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD) for students who wish to pursue a career as an occupational therapist. Completing the OTD will enable students to sit for the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) certification examination, which then allows them to apply for licensure as a registered occupational therapist (OTR) in Nevada or other states. ([Ref. ARSA-3](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes

**4. UNLV – ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
PROPOSAL, DEPARTMENT OF COUNSELOR
EDUCATION, SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY AND
HUMAN SERVICES**

UNLV requests approval of a new Department of Counselor Education, School Psychology and Human Services (CSH) within the College of Education to create an administrative infrastructure of closely aligned training programs, supportive of the UNLV Top Tier Initiative, as well as the College of Education (COE) mission. The respective disciplines and research agendas of faculty within the new unit will lead to increased collaborations in multiple ways, including applications for external funding, maintenance of high quality field placements, and design and delivery of high quality curricula and related educational programs. ([Ref. ARSA-4](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes

**5. UNLV – ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
PROPOSAL, INTERNATIONAL CENTER
FOR GAMING REGULATION**

UNLV requests approval of the International Center for Gaming Regulation (ICGR) to serve as an international academic resource for gaming regulatory research, education and policy advocacy. The Center will promote research into understanding and improving regulation; work with regulators and stakeholders worldwide to ensure they have the information, knowledge and tools to analyze and improve gaming policies and regulation in their jurisdiction; and promote appropriate policies, legislation and regulatory standards which are proportionate and consistent with international best practices. ([Ref. ARSA-5](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes

6. UNLV – ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT PROPOSALS, DEPARTMENT OF DERMATOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

UNLV requests approval of the following organizational unit proposals within the UNLV School of Medicine: ([Ref. ARSA-6](#))

- a. The addition of a Department of Dermatology to address a shortage of physicians in Southern Nevada who specialize in dermatology;
- b. The addition of a Department of Medical Education to support faculty whose scholarly work is in the field of medical education, assessment and program evaluation; and
- c. The inclusion of the existing Department of Cardiovascular Disease as a division within the UNLV School of Medicine’s Department of Internal Medicine.

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes

7. UNR – PROGRAM PROPOSALS, MS, PhD, ANIMAL AND RANGELAND SCIENCES **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

UNR requests approval of two program proposals in Animal and Rangeland Sciences to prepare students for successful research, academic and other demanding careers in fundamental and applied sciences, agriculture and rangeland management:

- a. A Master of Science in Animal and Rangeland Sciences ([Ref. ARSA-7a](#))
- b. A Doctor of Philosophy in Animal and Rangeland Sciences ([Ref. ARSA-7b](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes

8. CSN – PROGRAM PROPOSAL, BAS PROJECT MANAGEMENT **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

CSN requests approval of a Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) degree in Project Management to provide a distinctive baccalaureate degree for students to build upon the technical skills and knowledge acquired in attaining an associate’s degree that focuses on developing student communication, project management skills and decision-making abilities within a broader context rather than a single vocation. ([Ref. ARSA-8](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes

9. HANDBOOK REVISION, INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Vice Chancellor Crystal Abba requests approval of a new Board policy regarding international travel (*Title 4, Chapter 23, new Sections 1 through 3*). Specifically, the proposed revision replaces the provisions in Title 4, Chapter 23 of the *Handbook* relating to the University Studies Abroad Consortium, which are no longer necessary, and requires institutions to adopt a policy governing international travel in conjunction with any NSHE or institution affiliated activity. The institutional policy must include, but is not limited to, specific procedures regarding institutional review of such travel, a travel registry and communications plans, insurance requirements, travel restrictions, travel warnings, codes of conduct and post trip review. ([Ref. ARSA-9](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes

10. HANDBOOK REVISIONS, 2017 NEVADA LEGISLATIVE SESSION **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Vice Chancellor Crystal Abba requests approval of the following revisions to Board policy to address bills passed by the 2017 Nevada Legislature:

- a. **Senate Bill 188 – Discriminatory Acts:** The 2017 Legislature passed [S.B. 188 \(Chapter 197, Statutes of Nevada 2017\)](#), which revises provisions prohibiting certain discriminatory acts, including in the admission of students to an NSHE institution. The policy revision expands the existing prohibition on discrimination under Title 4, Chapter 16, Sections 5 (university admission), 18 (community college admission), and 26 (state college admission) to include a prohibition on discrimination based on gender identity or expression. In addition, a Code revision is included to expand the prohibited conduct for students with regard to acts of unlawful discrimination to include gender expression, making this section consistent with similar sections throughout the *Handbook (Title 2, Chapter 10, Section 10.2.1)*.

The Code revision is presented for information and first read. The policy revisions to Title 4, Chapter 16, Sections 5, 18, and 26 may be approved separately. ([Ref. ARSA-10a](#))

10. HANDBOOK REVISIONS, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
2017 NEVADA LEGISLATIVE SESSION (cont.)

- b. **Senate Bill 200 – Computer Science Courses for University Admissions and Eligibility for the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship (GGMS):** The 2017 Legislature passed [S.B. 200 \(Chapter 597, Statutes of Nevada 2017\)](#) revising provisions relating to instruction in computer education and technology. For NSHE, S.B. 200 requires that if the Board of Regents adopts rules requiring a student to successfully complete courses in mathematics and science for eligibility for the GGMS, a student must be allowed to apply certain computer science courses towards those requirements. The bill also includes a similar requirement for admission to an NSHE institution, but specifies that the student must have previously completed a certain number of mathematics and science courses in high school. Thus, the policy revision requires that certain computer science courses qualify for one of the three units of science required for admission to an NSHE university, effective July 1, 2020, per S.B. 200 (*Title 4, Chapter 16, Section 3*). In addition, the policy revision requires that certain computer science courses qualify for one unit of mathematics or science under the high school core curriculum required for eligibility for the GGMS (*Title 4, Chapter 18, Section 9.15*). ([Ref. ARSA-10b](#))
- c. **Senate Bill 420 – Student Publications:** The 2017 Legislature passed [Senate Bill 420 \(Chapter 321, Statutes of Nevada 2017\)](#) which revises provisions governing pupil publications in public schools and student publications within NSHE. Specifically, S.B. 420 requires the Board of Regents to adopt a written policy governing student publications for each of the NSHE institutions and specifies certain requirements under the policy including time, place and manner for distribution of student publications; protection of certain rights for students working as journalists; and certain prohibitions on content restriction and actions against individuals involved with student publications. To allow each institution to craft a policy that complies with federal and state law and meets the needs of their respective campus communities, the policy revision adds a new section under Title 4, Chapter 19 (Statements of Policy for Student Publications) requiring presidents of NSHE institutions with student publications to adopt an institutional policy governing student publications that meets the requirements of S.B. 420. ([Ref. ARSA-10c](#))

**10. HANDBOOK REVISIONS, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
2017 NEVADA LEGISLATIVE SESSION (cont.)**

- d. **Senate Bill 457 – Credit for Military Experience or Training:** The 2017 Legislature passed [Senate Bill 457 \(Chapter 603, Statutes of Nevada 2017\)](#) which requires the Board of Regents to establish statewide standards for awarding credit for military education, training or occupational experience. The policy revision adds a new section to Title 4, Chapter 14 requiring institutions to evaluate certain military transcripts and award credit if the institution determines that any military education/experience is equivalent to a course that fulfills a general education, certificate or degree requirement. The policy revision includes related technical updates to Title 4, Chapter 14, Sections 17 and 22. ([Ref. ARSA-10d](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 15 minutes

**11. NSHE TRANSFER AND ARTICULATION, INFORMATION ONLY
ROLE OF THE ARTICULATION BOARD AND
COMMON COURSE NUMBER COMMITTEE**

Vice Chancellor Crystal Abba will present an overview of current Board policy governing transfer and articulation, the status of recommendations of the 2015-16 Transfer and Articulation Audit and steps being taken by the institutions to establish and update transfer agreements in preparation for the 2018-19 audit. ([Ref. ARSA-11](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 25 minutes

**12. 2015-16 NSHE FINANCIAL AID REPORT INFORMATION ONLY
AND UPDATE ON THE SILVER STATE
OPPORTUNITY GRANT PROGRAM**

Director of Student Affairs Renee Davis will present highlights from the 2015-16 NSHE Financial Aid Report including information on financial aid programs and awards distributed across the System. The report will also include an update on the Silver State Opportunity Grant Program created by the 2015 Nevada Legislature. ([Refs. ARSA-12a and ARSA-12b](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 20 minutes

13. NSHE SPONSORED FUNDING REPORT **INFORMATION ONLY**

Lori Ciccone, Director of Nevada System Sponsored Programs and EPSCoR, will present highlights from the 2015-16 NSHE Sponsored Funding Annual Report. The report will include information on sponsored program awards and expenditures for all NSHE institutions. ([Refs. ARSA-13a](#) and [ARSA-13b](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 15 minutes

14. NEW BUSINESS **INFORMATION ONLY**

Items for consideration at future meetings may be suggested. Any discussion of an item under “New Business” is limited to description and clarification of the subject matter of the item, which may include the reasons for the request.

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DRI, Maxey Building, 2215 Raggio Parkway, Reno, NV 89512
DRI, Southern Nevada Science Center, 755 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89119
GBC, Berg Hall, 1500 College Parkway, Elko, NV 89801
NSC, Great Hall, 1125 Nevada State Drive, Henderson, NV 89015
TMCC, Red Mountain Building (RDMT 200), 7000 Dandini Boulevard, Reno, NV 89512
UNLV, Flora Dungan Humanities Building (FDH), 1st & 7th Floors, 4505 Maryland Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89154
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