

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

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Today    February    9

Members Present:      Mrs. Cathy McAdoo, Chair  
                                 Dr. Patrick R. Carter  
                                 Mr. Sam Lieberman  
                                 Ms. Laura E. Perkins

Members Absent:      Mr. Rick Trachok, Vice Chair

Other Regents Present: Dr. Jason Geddes

Others Present:      Ms. Crystal Abba, Vice Chancellor, Academic & Student Affairs  
                                 Mr. Joe Reynolds, Chief General Counsel  
                                 Ms. Renee Davis, Assistant Vice Chancellor and Director of Student Affairs  
                                 Mr. Theo Meek, Research Scholar  
                                 Mr. David Singleton, Transfer and Articulation Ombudsman  
                                 Dr. Kristen Averyt, President, DRI  
                                 Ms. Joyce M. Helens, President, GBC  
                                 Dr. Karin M. Hilgersom, President, TMCC  
                                 Dr. Vincent R. Solis, President, WNC

Faculty senate chairs in attendance were: Dr. Darin Dockstader, CSN; Mr. Jinho Jung, GBC; Dr. Abby Peters, NSC; Ms. Janet Stakelum, Administration, and Ms. Terina Caserto, UNR. Student body presidents in attendance were: Ms. Tamara Guinn, CSN and Mr. Dimitrie Suciu, WNC.

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

Chair Cathy McAdoo called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all members present except Vice Chair Trachok and Regent Perkins

1.      Information Only Public Comment- None.
2.      Approved Consent Items – The Committee recommended approval of the following consent items:
  - (2a)    Approved Minutes – The Committee recommended approval of the minutes from the November 29, 2018, meeting (ref. ARS 2a on file in the Board office)



4. Approved UNR, Program Proposal Master of Science in Biostatistics– The Committee recommended approval of UNR Request for a Master of Science in Biostatistics to train students to conduct quantitative analysis in public health, medicine and biology. The creation of the program responds to a high demand for biostatisticians in public health organizations, government agencies, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, medical institutes and private industry (UNR SA4 on file in the Board Office).

Dr. Kevin Carman, Executive Vice President and Provost, UNR, presented the proposal for a Master of Science in Biostatistics to be delivered through the UNR School of Community Health Sciences. This is a high demand, specialized statistics program with specific expertise in public health. The program compliments but is not redundant with the MS in Statistics and Data Science.

In response to a question from Regent Carter, Provost Carman confirmed that the MS in Biostatistics is a stand alone degree with specific career opportunities. Students are not required to continue to a doctoral program.

Regent Carter moved approval of UNR's request for a MS in Biostatistics. Regent Lieberman seconded. Motion carried. Vice Chair Trachol and Regent Perkins were absent.

5. Approved UNR Program Proposal, Master of Science in Statistics and Data Science – (continued)

Regent Perkins entered the meeting

Regent Carter moved approval of UNR's request for a MS in Statistics and Data Science. Regent Lieberman seconded. Motion carried. Vice Chair Trachok was absent.

6. Approved CSN – Program Proposal Associate of Science in Dental Science – The Committee recommended approval of CSN request for an Associate of Science in Dental Science to provide students a streamlined pathway to applying for bachelor programs in dental hygiene or for employment in a dental office or the dental marketing industry (Ref. ARSA6 on file in the Board Office)

Mr. James McCoy Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs, CSN, presented the proposal for the AS in Dental Science. The program will be offered as a stackable credential for students transitioning to the BS in Dental Hygiene as well as a stand alone degree for students who do not ultimately enter the BS in Dental Hygiene.

Regent Lieberman praised the program as a great pathway for students interested in the Dental program

Regent Lieberman moved approval of Dental S6.1 (en)R20

7. Approved TMCC –

8. Information Only

9. Approved Handbook Revision, Development of Baccalaureate Degree Proposals at the Community Colleges: Review by the Council of Presidents (continued)

governing the process for developing initial proposals for baccalaureate degrees at the community colleges. The policy revision requires that the Chancellor submit the Council's recommendations to the community college for consideration and clarifies that review by the Council of Presidents of initial proposals for Bachelor of Applied Science degrees is not required. (Ref. ARSA9 on file in the Board Office)

Vice Chancellor Abba provided a brief review of the proposed Handbook revision. Vice Chancellor Abba noted that BAS degrees are four-year occupationally specific degrees that respond to workforce needs and are specific to community colleges. As such, these degrees should be exempted from the required approval of the Council of Presidents as similar degrees are generally offered by four-year institutions. The original intent for required approval was to ensure that baccalaureate programs at community colleges were not more appropriate at the university level. As BAS programs are community college specific, the approval is unnecessary.

In response to a question from Regent Carter asking if the proposed change was taken to the Council of Presidents, Vice Chancellor Abba noted that the request came from the Council of Presidents with its full support after the recent approval of the BAS in Cyber-Physical Manufacturing.

Regent Carter moved approval of the proposed Handbook revision as presented. Regent Lieberman seconded. Motion carried. Vice Chair Trachok was absent.

10. Approved Report and Recommendation 2018 Transfer and Articulation Audit The Committee recommended approval of the report and recommendations from phase two of the Transfer and Articulation Audit. Phase two follows the recommendations of the initial report presented to the Committee in June 2016 to review the status of transfer agreements between NSHE institutions for compliance with Board policy (Ref. ARSA10a and ARSA10b on file in the Board Office)

Vice Chancellor Abba presented historical background for the report, citing the need for the 2015-2016 audit and the improvements and progress made in the 2009-2010 audit.

2018-2019 Audit

Transfer agreements for every regional bachelors degree program were reviewed for compliance with Board policy. Over 350 agreements were reviewed. Each transfer

10. Approved Report and Recommendation 2018 Transfer and Articulation Audit –  
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that 24% resulted in loss of credit (1%) or no earned associate degree (22%).

Although some