

**BOARD OF REGENTS and its  
ACADEMIC, RESEARCH AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, the 6, 201**

Member Present: Mrs. Cathy McAdoo, Chair  
Mr. Rick Trachok, Vice Ch  
Dr. Patrick R. Carter  
Mr. Sam Lieberman  
Ms. Laura E. Perkins

Other Regents Present: Mr. Kevin J. Page, Chairma  
Dr. Jason Geddes, Vice Ch  
Ms. Amy J. Carvalho

Others Present: Dr. Thom Reilly, Chancell  
Ms. Crystal Abba, Vice Ch  
Mr. Nate Mackinnon, Vice  
Mr. Joseph Reynolds, Chie  
Ms. Renee Davis, Assistant  
Director of Student Affai  
Ms. Marcie Jackson, Direct  
and EPSCoR Office

Mr. Jose Martinez, Director, Institutional Research  
Mr. Theo Meek, Research Scholar  
Dr. Federico Zaragoza, President, CSN  
Dr. Kristen Averyt, President, DRI  
Ms. Joyce M. Helens, President, GBC  
Mr. Bart J. Patterson, President, NSC  
Dr. Karin M. Hilgersom, President, TMCC  
Dr. Marc A. Johnson, President, UNR

Faculty Senate Chairs in attendance were: Dr. Richard L. Jasoni, DRI; Dr.

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 February 28, 2019, meeting (*Ref. ARSA-2a on file in the Board office*).
  - (2b.) Approved-TMCC – Program Deactivation, AA Philosophy – The Committee recommended approval of TMCC’s request to deactivate its Associate of Arts in philosophy due to low enrollment and lack of a full-time instructor (*Ref. ARSA-2b on file in the Board office*).
  - (2c.) Approved-TMCC – Program Deactivation, AS Dental Hygiene – The Committee recommended approval of TMCC’s request to deactivate its Associate of Science in Dental Hygiene as a result of the implementation of its Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene (*Ref. ARSA-2c on file in the Board office*).
  - (2d.) Approved-TMCC – Program Deactivation, AS Renewable Energy and Resources – The Committee recommended approval of TMCC’s request to deactivate its Associate of Science in Renewable Energy and Resources due to low enrollment (*Ref. ARSA-2d on file in the Board office*).
  - (2e.) Approved-UNLV – Program Elimination, MS and Ph.D. Environmental Science – The Committee recommended approval of UNLV’s request to eliminate its Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in Environmental Science. There are no students currently enrolled in either program (*Ref. ARSA-2e on file in the Board office*).

Vice Chair Trachok moved approval of the consent items. Regent Perkins seconded. Motion carried.

3. Approved-NSHE Planning Report/Academic Master Plans, Revisions – The Committee recommended approval of additions to the [2019-23 Planning Report](#) previously approved at the November 29-30, 2018, meeting. The revisions include additional academic programs that may come forward to the Board for approval within the 2019 calendar year (*Ref. ARSA-3 on file in the Board office*).

Ms. Renee Davis, Assistant Vice Chancellor and Director of Student Affairs, provided a brief overview of the revisions.

Vice Chair Trachok moved approval of the additions to the 2019-23 Planning Report including additional academic programs that

4. Approved-GBC – Program Proposal, AAS Manufacturing Machining Technology  
– The Committee recommended approval of GBC’s request for an Associate of Applied Science in Manufacturing Machining Technology. The program is designed to provide technical instruction and practical experience to prepare students for positions as entry level machinists, CAD/CAM operators, and machine operators (*Ref. ARSA-4 on file in the Board office*).

Dr. Sonja Brown, Vice President for Academic Affairs, GBC, provided a brief overview of the proposal.

Regent Lieberman moved approval of an Associate of Applied Science in Manufacturing Machining Technology at GBC. Vice Chair Trachok seconded. Motion carried.

5. Approved-UNR – Program Proposal, BFA Graphic Design – The Committee recommended approval of UNR’s request for a Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Graphic Design that emphasizes hands-on design approaches in the context of

6. Approved-UNR – Program Proposal, DMA Music – The Committee recommended approval of UNR’s request for a Doctor of Musical Arts (DMA) that will offer music performers and conductors an advanced program of study beyond the Master of Music degree. The program will prepare students to hold the highest professional positions in the profession, either teaching at a college/university-level or becoming members/leaders of orchestras, choirs, and bands (*Ref. ARSA-6 on file Board office*).

Provost and Executive Vice President Carman provided a brief overview of the proposal.

Vice Chair Trachok moved approval of a Doctor of Music Arts (DMA) at UNR.  
Regent Carter seconded. Motion carried.

7. Information Only-Metro Momentum Pathways Grant Benchmark Data – At its February 28, 2019, meeting, the Committee heard a presentation on the work being done related to the Complete College America Metro Momentum Pathways Grant that was awarded to CSN, UNLV and NSC. In response to the Committee’s request, Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs James McCoy, CSN, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education Laurel Pritchard, UNLV, and Executive Vice Provost Tony Scinta, NSC, presented the benchmark data from the grant that will ultimately be used to measure the progress of the group’s work (*Ref. ARSA-7 on file in the Board office*).

The presentation included information on process and support, leading indicators/early momentum metrics, term and year persistence, earned credits, average attempted credits and average credits completed.

Vice Chair Trachok asked how CSN’s first term and second term statistics compare to the other comparable NSHE institutions and with other comparable higher education institutions in the country. He also followed up by asking what percentage of the total students constitutes those that are getting their certificates within their first year. Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs McCoy said he will send the requested data to the Committee.

Vice Chair Trachok asked how NSC’s statistics compare to peer institutions. Executive Vice Provost Scinta said in terms of first-year persistence, NSC is in a good position; however, the challenge is maintaining the success rates across the second through fifth years. For example, Southern Utah University’s graduation rate is at 45-46 percent and yet their first-year retention was at 68 percent. NSC’s first year retention for IPEDS is slightly above 70 percent and yet NSC’s graduation rates are not at that level. NSC has a very high transfer-out rate and is a small institution. A lot of NSC efforts are going beyond what takes place in the first year, but it is a matter of continuing the momentum into the subsequent years. NSC must increase and improve its efforts for years following the first year.



9. Information Only-NSHE Sponsored Funding Report – Ms. Marcie Jackson, Director of Nevada System Sponsored Programs and EPSCoR, presented highlights from the *2017-18 NSHE Sponsored Funding Annual Report*. The report included information on sponsored programs awards and expenditures for all NSHE institutions (*Refs. ARSA-9a and ARSA-9b on file in the Board office*).

For the data on the UNLV three-year snapshot – total awarded, Vice Chairman Geddes commented that the University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Medicine (UNLV SOM) should be at 4 plus percent and not 0.04 percent. Director Jackson confirmed that Vice Chairman Geddes was correct.

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12. Approved-Handbook Revision, Credit by Examination – International Baccalaureate – (continued)

Vice Chancellor Abba provided a brief overview of the proposed policy.

Vice Chair Trachok moved approval of the proposed *Handbook* revision. Regent Carter seconded. Motion carried.

13. Approved-Handbook Revision, Fee Wavier for Nevada Foster Youth – The Committee recommended approval of a revision to Board policy (*Title 4, Chapter 17, Section 13*) which clarifies that certain foster youth who did not graduate from a Nevada high school as the result of being placed out of state by a Nevada child welfare agency may qualify for NSHE’s Fee Waiver for Nevada Foster Youth (*Ref. ARSA-13 on file in the Board office*).

Assistant Vice Chancellor and Director of Student Affairs Davis provided a brief overview of the proposed policy.

Mr. Joseph Reynolds, Chief General Counsel, recommended removing a comma occurring after “age 18” in Section 13.

Vice Chair Trachok moved approval of the proposed *Handbook* revision with the recommended amendment to Section 13. Regent Lieberman seconded. Motion carried.

14. Information Only-New Business – In relation to the Metro Momentum Pathways