

BOARD OF REGENTS and its
ACADEMIC, RESEARCH AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION
Videoconference/Teleconference
Thursday, June 11, 2020

Members Present: Mrs. Cathy McAdoo, Chair
Mr. Rick Trachok, Vice Chair
Dr. Patrick R. Carter
Ms. Lisa C. Levine
Ms. Laura E. Perkins

Other Regents Present: Dr. Jason Geddes, Chairman
Dr. Mark W. Doubrava, Vice Chairman
Ms. Amy J. Carvalho
Mr. Trevor Hayes
Mr. Donald Sylvantee McMichael, Sr.

Others Present: Ms. Crystal Abba, Vice Chancellor, Academic & Student Affairs
Mr. Michael Flores, Chief of Staff to the Chancellor
Mr. Joseph Reynolds, Chief General Counsel
Ms. Renee Davis, Assistant Vice Chancellor and
Director of Student Affairs
Mr. James R. McCoy, Assistant Vice Chancellor and
Director of Corequisite Implementation
Dr. Federico Zaragoza, President, CSN
Dr. Kumud Acharya, President, DRI
Mr. Bart J. Patterson, President, NSC
Dr. Marta Meana, President, UNLV
Dr. Marc A. Johnson, President, UNR

Chair Cathy McAdoo called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with all members present except for Regent Perkins.

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2. Approved Consent Items (continued)

(2b.) Approved GBC – Program Elimination BA Natural Resources
The Committee recommended approval of GBC's request to eliminate the Bachelor of Arts in Natural Resources due to low enrollment (Ref. ARSA2b on file in the Board Office)

(2c.) Approved UNLV – Program Elimination BS Nuclear Medicine –
The Committee recommended approval of UNLV's request to eliminate the Bachelor of Science in Nuclear Medicine due to low enrollment (Ref. ARSA2c on file in the Board Office)

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

3. Approved NSHE Planning Report/Academic Master Plans Revisions – The Committee recommended approval of additions to the [2019-23 Planning Report](#) originally approved at the November 20, 2018 meeting and revised most recently at the December 6, 2019, meeting. The proposed revisions include additional academic programs that may come forward for Board approval within the 2020 calendar year (Ref. ARSA3 on file in the Board Office)

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

Regent Carter moved approval of the revisions to the NSHE Planning Report/Academic Master Plans. Vice Chair Trachok seconded. Motion carried. Regent Perkins was absent.

4. Approved NSC – Program Proposal BA Early Childhood Education – The Committee recommended approval of NSC's request for a Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education. The program prepares teacher candidates in various educational settings including mental health agencies, developmental programs, family resource programs, childcare referral agencies, childcare settings, and preschool through second grade classrooms (a5.21 0.001(l) (en)-43)Tj EMC /

4. Approved NSC – Program Proposal, BA Early Childhood Education –

6. Approved UNR – Organizational Unit Proposal Honors College- The Committee recommended approval of UNR's request for the Honors College. The Honors College will provide unique intellectual, professional, and personal development opportunities to highly motivated students across the curriculum and co-curriculum (Ref. ARSA6 on file in the Board Office)

Dr. Kevin Carman, Executive Vice President and Provost, UNR, provided a brief overview of the proposal.

Vice Chair Trachok asked if the total under FY20 in the presentation materials is the current cost of the program. Provost Carman said it is; however, there is an error in the numbers and the grand total should be \$653,305.00.

Vice Chair Trachok asked for more information on the MPOAS salaries under FY21. Mr. Matt Means, Director of the Honors Program, answered that the MPO/W-S salaries stand for Marketing Publicity Outreach which refers to the recruitment team for the honors program. Vice Chair Trachok asked a follow up question regarding the \$70,000 cost for operations in-2 (on r)3o (C)-13 ((r)3 (e)417)-13 h(e

7. Approved UNR – Program Proposal, Ph.D. Engineering Education (continued)

This is the typical accreditation process and there are many examples of it at institutions across the country.

Regent Carter expressed his support for the program, however, he has concerns with programs enrolling students without approval or being accredited first.

Chairman Geddes said when he was earning his doctorate at UNR, he was in the same situation. The Regents approved the doctoral program two months before his dissertation defense. He added there was not an issue of accreditation because there were other departments in UNR that were willing to assist with completing his degree if the program was not approved. There has been a long history of the program approval/accreditation process currently in place.

Vice Chair Trachok moved approval of
Ph.D. in Engineering Education at UNR.

In response to a question from Regent Levine, Provost Carman said recruiting graduate students can be expensive and one of the best practices to recruit high achieving applicants (that typically have offers from other institutions) is to bring them to Nevada to tour the campus and surrounding area and to meet with faculty.

Chair McAdoo seconded Motion carried.

(Provost Carman provided the following clarification to the Committee after the meeting: The six students associated with the proposed Engineering Education Ph.D. program are all admitted and

9. Approved 2020 Nevada Science and Technology Plan The Committee recommended approval of the NSHE Research Affairs Council 2020 Nevada Science and Technology Plan. This Plan is designed to be a blueprint for both the State and public higher education in setting priorities in science and technology research (Ref. ARSA9a and ARSA9b on file in the Board Office)

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