

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

Videoconference/Teleconference  
Thursday, March 4, 2021

Members Present:

Dr. Jason Geddes, Chair  
Dr. Patrick R. Carter, Vice Chair  
Mr. Joseph C. Arrascada  
Mr. Patrick J. Boylan  
Mrs. Cathy McAdoo  
Ms. Laura E. Perkins

Other Regents Present:

Dr. Mark W. Doubrava, Board Chair  
Mrs. Carol Del Carlo, Board Vice Chair  
Mr. Byron Brooks  
Ms. Amy J. Carvalho  
Mr. Donald Sylvantee McMichael Sr.  
Dr. Lois Tarkanian

Others Present:

Dr. Melody Rose, Chancellor  
Ms. Crystal Abba, Vice Chancellor, Academic & Student Affairs  
Mr. Andrew Clinger, Chief Financial Officer  
Mr. Nate Mackinnon, Vice Chancellor, Community Colleges  
Ms. Keri D. Nikolajewski, Interim Chief of Staff to the Board  
Ms. Renee Davis, Assistant Vice Chancellor and  
Director of Student Affairs  
Ms. Yvonne Nevarez-Goodson, Deputy General Counsel  
Dr. Federico Zaragoza, CSN President Sandoval, UNR President  
Dr. Vincent R. Solis, WNC President

Faculty senate chairs in attendance were: Dr. Maria Schellhase, CSN; System Administration; Ms. YeVonne Allen, TMCC; Dr. Vicki Rosse Amy Pason, UNR. Student body presidents in attendance were: Ms. A TMCC; and Mr. Will Carrasco, UNR-GSA.

Chair Jason Geddes called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with all m

1. Information Only-Public Comment – Special Assistant and Coordinator Winter Lipson read into the record public comment submitted by Dr. Vicki Rosser, UNLV, who spoke in support of the following proposals: UNLV – National Institute for the Advancement of Education (Agenda Item 4); and UNLV – M.Ed. Intercollegiate and Professional Sport Management (Agenda Item 5).
  
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 December 3, 2020, meeting (*Ref. ARSA-2a on file in the Board Office*).
  
  - (2b.) Approved-Handbook Revision, State College Requirements for Graduation – The Committee recommended approval of a revision to Board policy changing the residency requirement level for the College from 32 hours to 30 hours (*Title 4, Chapter 16, Section 36*). The credit threshold was not reduced after Board policy was revised reducing the total number of credits necessary for graduation to 120 credits. This change aligns with the structure of the current majors which adhere to the 120-credit protocol (*Ref. ARSA-2b on file in the Board Office*).

Regent Perkins moved approval of the consent items. Regent McAdoo seconded. Motion carried.
  
3. Approved-Regents' Awards – The Committee recommended approval of the following individuals nominated for 2021 Regents' awards:  
(*Ref.*

3. Approved-Regents' Awards – (continued)

d. Nevada Regents' Researcher Award

Dr. Ian Buckle, UNR - (Distinguished)

Dr. Scott Earley, UNR - (Mid-Career)

e. Nevada Regents' Rising Researcher Award

Dr. Javon Johnson, UNLV

Dr. Daniel McEvoy, DRI

Dr. Jennifer Pearson, UNR

Dr. Kyra E. Stull, UNR

Ms. Crystal Abba, Vice Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs, read the names of the Regents' Awards nominees into the record.

Regent McAdoo moved approval of the individuals nominated for the 2021 Regents' Awards. Regent Boylan seconded.

At the request of Chair Geddes for the benefit of the new Regents on the Committee, Vice Chancellor Abba proposed that the names of the Regents' Awards nominees be read into the record. Regent Boylan seconded.

4. Approved-UNLV – Organizational Unit Proposal, National Institute for the Advancement of Education – *(continued)*

Regent Perkins asked how the success of the institute will be measured. Dr. Heavey answered that UNLV has a Council for Centers, Institutes, Museums and Laboratories (“Council”), which is a group that does ongoing reviews of all independent centers and institutes each year, and an in-depth study of effectiveness every three years. The Council will review annual reports to be submitted by the institute.

Regent Perkins moved approval of establishing the National Institute for the Advancement of Education at UNLV. Regent McAdoo seconded.

Vice Chair Carter disclosed that he was previously a student in the Gaming Innovation course at UNLV, where he developed a casino game. If the game is marketed and sold, he will be required to pay remuneration to UNLV in the form of shared royalties pursuant to a standard contract that all students in the course were required to sign. He will receive no remuneration from UNLV. He disclosed the relationship under NRS Chapter 281A, as recommended by the Nevada Commission on Ethics. However, Vice Chair Carter confirmed that the agenda item does not affect his private interests, and he would therefore vote on this matter.

Motion carried.

5. Approved-UNLV – Program Proposal, M.Ed. Intercollegiate and Professional Sport Management – The Committee recommended approval of a Master of Education in Intercollegiate and Professional Sport Management. This program will provide specialized education in the leadership and management of sport organizations. The program includes administrative opportunities in youth and intercollegiate athletics with specialization areas such as diversity in sport leadership, sport analytics, and governance. *(Ref. ARSA-5 on file in the Board Office)*

Chair Geddes included the same disclosure and abstention analysis provided by Vice Chair Carter for agenda item 5, confirming that Vice-Chair Carter would be participating and voting in this matter.

Dr. Heavey provided a brief overview of the proposal.

Regent McAdoo moved approval of a Master of Education in Intercollegiate and Professional Sport Management at UNLV. Vice Chair Carter seconded. Motion carried.



8. Approval-*Handbook* Revision, Transfer and Articulation – The Committee recommended approval of a policy revision to clarify that upper division coursework (300-

9. Information Only-Silver State Opportunity Grant – *(continued)*

Board voted to allocate funds from a reserve account which was distributed to all of the NSHE campuses. There was an excess of \$352,000 which was invested back into the SSOG program.

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