

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

Nevada State College  
Rogers Student Center, Ballroom  
1300 Nevada State Drive #300, Henderson  
Thursday, March 3, 2022

Video Conference Connection from the Meeting Site to:  
System Administration, Reno  
2601 Enterprise Road, Conference Room  
and  
Great Basin College, Elko  
1500 College Parkway, Berg Hall Conference Room

Members Present:

Dr. Jason Geddes, Chair  
Mrs. Cathy McAdoo, Vice Chair  
Mr. Joseph C. Arrascada  
Dr. Mark W. Doubrava  
Ms. Laura E. Perkins

Other Regents Present:

Dr. Patrick R. Carter, Board Vice Chair  
Ms. Amy J. Carvalho  
Mrs. Carol Del Carlo  
Mr. Donald Sylvantee McMichael Sr.

Others Present:

Dr. Melody Rose, Chancellor  
Ms. Crystal Abba, Vice Chancellor, Academic & Student Affairs  
and Community Colleges  
Ms. Keri D. Nikolajewski, Interim Chief of Staff to the Board  
Dr. Constance Brooks, Vice Chancellor of Public Affairs  
and Advancement  
Mr. Caleb Cage, Vice Chancellor for Workforce Development  
and Chief Innovation Officer  
Mr. Andrew Clinger, Chief Financial Officer  
Mr. Joseph Reynolds, Chief General Counsel  
Ms. Terina Caserto, Senior Analyst, Academic & Student Affairs  
Ms. Renee Davis, Associate Vice Chancellor for  
Academic & Student Affairs  
Ms. Yvonne Nevarez-Goodson, Deputy General Counsel  
Dr. Federico Zaragoza, CSN President  
Dr. Kumud Acharya, DRI President  
Ms. Joyce M. Helens, GBC President  
Dr. DeRionne P. Pollard, NSC President  
Dr. Karin M. Hilgersom, TMCC President

Others Present:                   Dr. Keith E. Whitfield, UNLV President  
  Mr. Brian Sandoval, UNR President  
  Dr. J. Kyle Dalpe, WNC Officer in Charge

Faculty senate chairs in attendance were: Dr. Julian Smit, CSN; Dr. Dave Rhode, DRI; Dr. Kevin Seipp, GBC; Dr. Samantha Jewell, NSC; Mr. Glenn Heath, System Administration; Dr. Virginia Irintcheva, TMCC; Ms. Shannon Sumpter, UNLV; Dr. Amy Pason, UNR; and Mr. Jim Strange. WNC. Student body presidents in attendance were: Mr. Zachary Johnigan, CSN; Mr. Zachary Stamp, GBC; Ms. Lauren Porter, NSC; Ms. Darian Richards, TMCC; Ms. Caren Yap, UNLV-CSUN; Ms. Nicole Thomas, UNLV-GPSA; Mr. Austin Brown, UNR-ASUN; Mr. Matthew Hawn, UNR-GSA; and Ms. Andrea Sanchez De Loza, WNC.

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

1.     Information Only-Public Comment – Nicole Thomas, UNLV-GPSA, and Amber Williams offered comments and support regarding graduate assistantship and stipends (Agenda Item 13).
  
2.     Approved-Consent Items – The Committee recommended approval of the consent items.
  - (2a.) Approved-Minutes – The Committee recommended approval of the minutes from the December 2, 2021, meeting (*Ref. ARSA-2a on file in the Board Office*).
  
  - (2b.) Approved-NSC – Program Deactivation, BS Psychology – The Committee recommended approval of NSC’s request to deactivate the Bachelor of Science in Psychology due to significant course overlap with the Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. The Bachelor of Arts in Psychology will be retained. During the five-year deactivation period the institution will consider if the Bachelor of Science program can be redesigned to better fit the original intention of preparing students for graduate school and/or research-focused careers (*Ref. ARSA-2b on file in the Board Office*).
  
  - (2c.) Approved-CSN – Program Elimination, AAS Facility Maintenance and Manufacturing – The Committee recommended CSN’s request to eliminate the Associate of Applied Science in Facility Maintenance and Manufacturing due low student enrollment (*Ref. ARSA-2c on file in the Board Office*).

Regent Perkins moved approval of the consent items. Regent Arrascada seconded. Motion carried.

3. Approved-Regents' Awards – Pursuant to Board policy, Title 4, Chapter 1, Sections 17-20, the Committee recommended approval of the following individuals nominated for the 2022 Regents' Awards (*Ref. ARSA-3 on file in the Board Office*).
  - a. Nevada Regents' Creative Activities Award  
Stephanie Espinoza Villamor, CSN – (Community College)  
Michael Branch, UNR – (University, State College)
  - b. Nevada Regents' Teaching Award  
Dr. Rebecca Bevans, WNC – Tenured Track (Community College)  
Heather Lang-Cassera, NSC – Non-Tenured/Tenured Track  
(Universities, State College and DRI)  
Dr. Matthew Leone, UNR – Tenured/Tenured Track  
(Universities, State College and DRI)
  - c. Nevada Regents' Academic Advisor Award  
Courtney Schachter, TMCC – (Community College)  
Le Quanda Cole, UNLV – (Undergraduate – Universities, State College)  
Dr. Wilfredo de Ráfols, UNR – (Graduate – Universities, State College and DRI)
  - d. Nevada Regents' Researcher Award  
Dr. Steven Hayes, UNR – (Distinguished)  
Dr. Jamie Voyles, UNR – (Mid-Career)
  - e. Nevada Regents' Rising Researcher Award  
Dr. Katherine Durante, NSC  
Dr. Benjamin Hatchett, DRI  
Dr. Allyson Hindle, UNLV  
Dr. Elizabeth Koebele, UNR  
Dr. Feng Yan, UNR

Ms. Crystal Abba, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs and Community Colleges, presented the Regents' Awards nominees and provided a brief overview of the policy regarding the Regents' Rising Researcher Award.

Regent Perkins moved approval of the nominees for the Regents' Awards including authorization to exceed the limitation on nominations for the Rising Researcher Award currently provided in Board policy. Regent Arrascada seconded.

Chair Geddes noted for clarification that the institutions will fund the stipend for its additional Regents' Rising Researcher awardees.

Motion carried.



5. UNR – Program Proposals, Sierra Nevada University Program Teach Out –  
(continued)

Regent Perkins seconded.

Regent Arrascada and Dr. Thompson discussed the following topics: SNU leasing spaces in Reno and Henderson for students in the proposed degree programs (options to attend classes virtually and in-person) and the 2024 expiration date for those leases which UNR will not renew; UNR's commitment to meet the demands for teachers in the Clark and Washoe counties, and the ongoing planning with UNR, other NSHE institutions and the two counties; and the currently enrolled students having a path forward to complete their degrees in a timely manner.

Regent Perkins commended Dr. Thompson and his team for their work on the presentation and program proposals.

Motion carried.

6. Approved-CSN – Program Proposal, BAS Environmental Conservation – The Committee recommended approval of the Bachelor of Applied Science in Environmental Conservation at CSN. The BAS in Environmental Conservation will provide a distinctive baccalaureate degree pathway for students who attained an Associate of Applied Science. The program is a non-calculus and non-graduate school track that is focused on technician level skills. Graduates will attain skills for employment as a technician in support of a qualified biologist within this growing field

7. Approved-CSN – Program Proposal, BAS Environmental Laboratory Sciences –  
The Committee recommended approval of CSN’s request for a Bachelor of Applied Science in Environmental Laboratory Sciences. The BAS in Environmental Laboratory Sciences will provide technician level credentials so that graduates attain skills for employment in a commercial environmental laboratory setting (*Ref. ARSA-7 on file in the Board Office*).

Vice President McCoy provided a brief overview of the proposal.

Chair Geddes moved approval of a Bachelor of Applied Science in Environmental Laboratory Sciences at CSN. Vice Chair McAdoo seconded.

Chair Geddes shared his appreciation for the program and commented that there is a large need for it in the Nevada communities.

Regent Perkins inquired about student enrollment for the program. Dr. Sims answered that in addition to the 167 students in the pipeline, there are also an additional 96 students showing interest.

Regent Arrascada asked if there will be opportunities for increasing the size of enrollment should there be a great number of students interested in taking the program. Dr. Sims and Vice Prd in tams 5 0 TB4 (e)4 ( P)-( m)-25D a0 TB4 (e)4 ( P0 (i)-2r[i]-2 (n t)



10. Approved-WNC – Program Change, AAS Paramedicine – (continued)

Chair Geddes requested to include the three- and five-year reviews for this program in the motion.

Regent Arrascada moved approval of changing the Certificate of Achievement in Paramedicine to an Associate of Applied Science in Paramedicine at WNC, and to include the program in the three- and five-year reviews. Regent Perkins seconded.

Vice Chancellor Abba clarified that although a program change typically would not be subject to the three- and five-year reviews in which Chair Geddes is requesting, there is no language that would preclude the proposed program from being subject to the reviews per Title 4, Chapter 14, Section 6, with respect to regular review within the next ten years.

Motion carried.

11. Approved-WNC – Program Proposal, AAS Fire Science – The Committee recommended approval of WNC’s request for an Associate of Applied Science in Fire Science. The program is designed to meet the Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education (FESHE) and National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) standards. The program will train and prepare entry-level firefighters for local, regional, and national fire agencies (Ref. ARSA-11 on file in the Board Office).

WNC Officer in Charge Dalpe provided a brief overview of the proposal and confirmed that discussions between WNC and TMCC have taken place with regard to the program proposal.

Vice Chair McAdoo moved approval of an Associate of Applied Science in Fire Science. Regent Perkins seconded. Motion carried.

12. Information Only-History of the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Program – The Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship (GGMS) progrG brn0 Tw 26.57 0 Td[ pr]3



12. Information Only-History of the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Program – *(continued)*

and program outcomes.

Vice Chair McAdoo, Regent Carvalho and Associate Vice Chancellor Davis discussed the six-year timespan for the GGMS