

BOARD OF REGENTS and its

Faculty senate chairs in attendance were: Tracy Sherman, CSN; Dr. Brittany Kruger, DRI; Mr. Kevin Seipp, GBC; Dr. Christine Beaudry, NSC; Mr. Ed Boog, System Administration; Ms. Amy Cavanaugh, TMCC; Dr. Rhonda Montgomery, UNLV; Dr. Eric Marchand, UNR; and Mr. Jim Strange, WNSU. Student body presidents in attendance were: Ms. Yvette Machado, CSN; Mr. Zachary Stamp, GBC; Ms. Tessa Espinosa, NSC; Mr.

3. Approved UNLV – Organizational Unit Proposal, Cannabis Policy Institute
(continued)

Vice Chair Del Carlo moved approval of establishing a Cannabis Policy Institute at UNLV. Regent Arrascada seconded Motion carried. Regent Perkins and Regent McMichael were absent.

4. Approved UNLV – Organizational Unit Proposal, Nevada Center for Astrophysics
– The Committee recommended approval of the Nevada Center for Astrophysics. This interdisciplinary Center will be housed in UNLV's College of Sciences and will foster theoretical and observational studies in astrophysical transients, black holes, stars, their planets, and cosmology by providing the necessary infrastructure to attract new talent and research resources to UNLV. Research will involve big data collection and processing, theoretical modeling, numerical simulations, and computation (Ref. ARSA-4 on file in the Board Office)

Dr. Heavey provided a brief overview of the proposal.

Chair Geddes shared his support for the program and commented that it has great potential.

Vice Chair Del Carlo moved approval of the Nevada Center for Astrophysics at UNLV. Regent McAdoo seconded Motion carried. Regent Perkins and Regent McMichael were absent.

5. Approved UNLV – Program Proposal MS Athletic Training – The Committee

6. Approved-NSC – Program Proposal ED.S. School Psychology The Committee recommended approval of an Education Specialist (Ed.S) in School Psychology. The accredited Ed.S. School Psychology degree will provide graduate level training as outlined by the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP). Graduates will be prepared to serve as school psychologists in all education settings, and under clinical supervision in community based settings. Additionally, graduates will be prepared to successfully pass the national exam required for certification and will have met the criteria for licensure by the Nevada Department of Education (*Ref. ARSA-6 on file in the Board Office*)

Dr. Vickie Shields, NSC Provost and Executive Vice President, provided a brief overview of the proposal.

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9. Information Only 2020-21 NSHE Financial Aid Report *(continued)*

Estimated Family Contribution (EFC), as well as sample financial aid offers. The presentation concluded with an overview of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF II) disbursements by institution under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplement Appropriations Act (CRRSA).

Chair Geddes, Vice Chair Del Carlo, Regent Arrascada, Regent McAdoo, Regent Perkins, Board Vice Chair Carvalho, Regent Boylan and Acting Chancellor Erquiaga addressed and discussed the following topics: comparison of the State Opportunity Grant (SSOG) to the Nevada Promise Scholarship (NPS), and the importance of expanding a need-based program such as the SSOG; establishing more coherence in the System regarding aid and assistance to students; average student debt of NSHE students; efficacy of scholarship grants; COA; student loan forgiveness in relation to the institutions reaching out to students who have dropped out of school to see if there is an interest in returning to complete their degree; tracking the cohort default rate; the distribution of the 2021-2022 student fees; and current data on free education for NSHE students located in two recent reports.