

Minutes approved by the Board of Regents at the November 30-December 1, 2023, meeting.

BOARD OF REGENTS and its
ACADEMIC, RESEARCH AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION
Truckee Meadows Community College
Sports and Fitness Center
7000 Dandini Boulevard, Reno
Thursday, September 7, 2023

Video Conference Connection from the Meeting Site to:
System Administration, Las Vegas
4300 South Maryland Parkway, Board Room
and
Great Basin College, Elko
1500 College Parkway, Berg Hall Conference Room

Members Present: Mr. Joseph C. Arrascada Chair
Mrs. Carol Del Carlo Vice Chair
Dr. Michele Cruz Crawford
Ms. Stephanie Goodman
Mr. Donald Sylvantee McMichael Sr.

Other Regents Present: Mr. Patrick J. Boylan
Ms. Heather Brown
Mrs. Amy J. Carvalho
Mr. Jeffrey S. Downs
Ms. Laura E. Perkins
Dr. Lois Tarkanian

Others Present: Ms. Patricia Charlton Interim Chancellor
Ms. Keri D. Nikolajewski, Chief of Staff to the Board
Mr. James J. Martines, Vice Chancellor & Chief General Counsel
Ms. Lindsay Sessions, Acting Chief Financial Officer
Dr. Natalie Brown, Assistant Vice Chancellor for
Workforce Development & Community Colleges

3. Approved UNLV – Organizational Unit Proposal, Institute for Financial Literacy and Wellness

4. Approved UNLV – Organizational Unit Proposal, Behavioral Health Education, Retention, and Expansion Network of Nevada *(continued)*

Chair Arrascada

6. Approved UNLV – Program Proposal, BA Creative Practice (continued)

Dr. Heavey provided a brief overview of the proposal.

Vice Chair Del Carlo

7. Approved UNR – Organizational Unit Proposal, Larson Institute for Health Impact and Equity *(continued)*

Vice Chair Del Carlo moved approval of establishing the Larson Institute for Health Impact and Equity at UNR. Regent McMichael seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Approved Handbook Revision, Fee Waivers for Native Americans The Committee recommended approval of revisions to Title 4, Chapter 17, Section 16, ensuring Board policy aligns with all provisions of Assembly Bill 150 of the 2023 Session of the Nevada State Legislature. The revision adds clarifying language recognizing eligibility for the fee waiver to include certified members or descendants of members of federally recognized tribes or nations that are located wholly or partially within the boundaries of Nevada, whether or not they reside on tribal lands. Additionally, this proposal includes language to clarify that a 2.0 GPA is required to qualify for the fee waiver if the student has enrolled in courses for which a letter grade is awarded. *(Ref. ARSA-8 on file in the Board office)*

Ms. Renée Davis, Associate Vice Chancellor Academic and Student Affairs provided a brief overview of the proposed policy revision.

Chair Arrascada, Vice Chair Del Carlo, Regent Goodmark, Interim Chancellor Charlton and Ms. Davis addressed and discussed the following topics: further clarification on requirements for the fee waivers regarding federally recognized tribes and residency status, the fee waiver being an unfunded mandate and how NSHE should plan to present this at a future Legislative session to secure state funding for the program and the upcoming interim study on all NSHE fee waivers requested by the Legislature.

Vice Chair Del Carlo moved approval of the *Handbook* revision as presented. Regent McMichael seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Approved Handbook Revision, Fee Waivers for Recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor – The Committee recommended approval of revisions to Title 4, Chapter 17, Section 15, expanding the fee waiver for recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor to include children of such recipients. Existing provisions remain unchanged, with the waiver covering registration fees, laboratory fees, and other mandatory fees after any federal education benefits are applied *(Ref. ARSA-9 on file in the Board office)*

Ms. Davis provided a brief overview of the proposed policy revision.

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11. Information Only-2021-22 NSHE Financial Aid Report*(continued)*

information on financial aid concepts and the variety of programs available to support students*(Refs. ARSA-11a and ARSA-11b on file in the Board office)*

Mr. Quiroga provided a report which included: the purpose of reporting financial aid; total financial aid disbursed; 2017-18 and 2021 total financial aid disbursed by institution (in millions); 2021-22 financial aid recipients by race/ethnicity and disability resource center registration status; annual average Pell Grant disbursements by student; NSHE total loan disbursements by all sources (in millions); 2021-22 Nevada student financial assistance programs disbursements; financial aid basics including financial aid concepts – category, source, type,

The meeting adjourned at ~~50~~ 5: a.m.

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Chief of Staff to the Board of Regents