

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

University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Student Union, Ballroom A
4505 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas
Thursday, December 5, 2019, 9:00 a.m.*

COMMITTEE

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Cathy McAdoo, Chair
Mr. Rick Trachok, Vice Chair
Dr. Patrick R. Carter
Mr. Sam Lieberman
Ms. Laura E. Perkins

In addition to the Academic, Research and Student Affairs Committee, this meeting is noticed as a meeting of the Board of Regents to allow other Regents who may wish to participate.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE AGENDA AND PUBLIC MEETING

NOTE: Below is an agenda of all items scheduled to be considered. Notification is hereby provided that items on the agenda may be taken out of the order presented, moving an item to a different day if the meeting is noticed for more than one day, two or more agenda items may be considered for consideration, and an agenda item may be removed from the agenda or discussion relating to an item on the agenda may be delayed at any time.

In accordance with the Board of Regents' Bylaws, Title I, Article V, Section 20, items voted on may be the subject of a motion to reconsider at this meeting. A motion to reconsider an item may be made at any time before adjournment of this meeting.

Similarly, if an item is tabled at any time during the meeting, it may, by proper motion and vote, be taken from the table and thereafter be the subject of consideration and action at any time before adjournment of this meeting

*The Board of Regents, at its regularly scheduled meetings, meets concurrently with its Committees (the Academic, Research and Student Affairs Committee; the Audit, Compliance and Title IX Committee; the Business, Finance and Facilities Committee; the Cultural Diversity Committee; the Health Sciences System Committee and the Security Committee)

2. CONSENT ITEMS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Consent items will be considered together and acted on in one motion unless an item is removed to be considered separately by the Committee.

2a. MINUTES FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Request is made for approval of the minutes from the September, 2019, meeting ([Ref. ARSA-2a](#))

2b. UNLV – ORGANIZATIONAL FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
UNIT ELIMINATION,
NEVADA CENTER FOR

3. NSHE PLANNING REPORT/ FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
ACADEMIC MASTER PLAN – REVISIONS

Assistant Vice Chancellor ~~Ree~~ Davis will present for approval additions to the [2019-23 Planning Report](#) previously approved at the November 29-30, 2018, meeting and revised at the ~~June 2019~~ meeting. Current proposed revisions include additional academic programs that may come forward for Board approval within the 2020 or 2021 calendar years.
([Ref. ARSA-3](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes

4. TMCC – ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
CHANGE, DIVISION OF SCIENCES

TMCC requests approval for the split of the Division of Sciences into two separate divisions: the Division of Life Sciences, Allied Health, and Public Safety and the Division of Math and Physical Sciences. The split will distribute the current disciplines and faculty into reasonably sized units and logically grouped disciplines.
([Ref. ARSA-4](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 minutes

5. UNLV – PROGRAM PROPOSAL, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
PH.D. SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY

UNLV requests approval of a Doctor of Philosophy in School Psychology that is rooted in training that emphasizes cultural diversity, a systems perspective, and the integration of science and practice. Doctoral students with training to be health services psychologists (HSPs) with a specialization in school psychology, address psychological concerns through both scholarly research and the application of psychological knowledge and skills in practice.
([Ref. ARSA-5](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 minutes

6. UNR – PROGRAM PROPOSAL, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
MS ECOLOGY, EVOLUTION AND
CONSERVATION BIOLOGY

UNR requests approval of a Master of Science in Ecology, Evolution and Conservation, an interdisciplinary program that will bring together students and faculty from multiple departments and colleges at UNR; faculty at DRI; and members of the Great Basin Institute. The program provides a solid foundation in research methods and experimental design. The addition of this program to the existing doctoral program will broaden the educational impact of the Ecology, Evolution and Conservation program by allowing students to pursue a more specific degree, tailored to their interests and environmental issues ([see ARSA-6](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 minutes

7. WNC – PROGRAM PROPOSAL, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
BAS ORGANIZATION AND

9. NEW AND EXISTING PROGRAM REVIEW INFORMATION ONLY

System Staff will present the first, third and ~~five~~ ^{four} new academic program reviews and the report on institutional reviews of existing programs as mandated by Board policy (Policy 4, Chapter 14, Section 5). In addition, representatives of UNLV and ~~UNLV~~ ^{UNLV and UNBC} will present the reviews conducted for at least one program at their respective institutions. The presentations include, but are not limited to, the process for evaluating existing programs generally, indications of quality, whether programs are meeting employer expectations, improvements in student learning outcomes, and any action steps identified based on the review of program and the status of action steps (Refs. [ARSA-9a](#), [ARSA-9b](#), [ARSA-9c](#) and [ARSA-9d](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 40 minutes

10. **HANDBOOK** REVISION, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
REGENTS' RESEARCHER AWARDS

Vice Chancellor Crystal Abba requests approval of a revision to Board policy to include Nevada State College as a ~~four~~ ^{four} institution eligible to submit candidates for consideration of the Regents' Researcher Awards. Specifically, the policy revision provides for NSC to select a Regents Rising Researcher recipient and submit faculty candidates for the Regents'

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION ONLY

Public comment will be taken during this agenda item. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter is included on an agenda as an item on which action may be taken. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person. Persons making comment will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record and to spell their last name. The Committee Chair may elect to allow additional public comment on a specific agenda item when that agenda item is being considered.

In accordance with Attorney General Opinion No. ~~0007~~, as restated in the Attorney General's Open Meeting Law Manual, the Chair may prohibit comment if the content of that comment is a topic that is not relevant to, or within the authority of, the Board of Regents, or if the content is willfully disruptive to the meeting by being irrelevant, repetitious, slanderous, offensive, inflammatory, irrational or amounting to personal attacks or interfering with the rights of other speakers.