

- 1.2.3 **Function of Board.** The Board of Regents is a corporate body, legally responsible for the University of Nevada. Its function is to control and manage the Nevada System of Higher Education, primarily by setting policy. Upon approval by the Board of Regents, the appropriate officers of the System shall implement such policies.
- 1.2.4 **Board's Authority and Delegation of Authority.** The Board of Regents retains the right at all times to lawfully delegate authority. However, nothing in the Nevada System of Higher Education Code shall be construed as an abrogation or limitation of the lawful authority or responsibility of the Board of

- 1.3.4 Institutional Bylaws.** System institutions shall adopt bylaws to set forth the institution's organizational structure and personnel policies. The adoption, amendment or repeal of institutional bylaws shall be in accordance with procedures prescribed therein and require recommendation from the President and review by legal counsel prior to submission for approval to the Chancellor. Within 45 days of a request for approval, the Chancellor shall act to approve or reject the adoption, amendment or repeal of institutional bylaws or they shall be deemed approved. Where the provisions of such institutional bylaws, or other such bylaws, procedures and regulations, conflict with the policies of the Board, the Board's policies shall prevail and the conflicting provisions of such institutional bylaws, or other such bylaws, procedures and regulations, shall be void and of no effect whatever. Institutional bylaws shall be posted on the institution's Web site.
- 1.3.5 Bylaws of the Unit.** The unit shall adopt bylaws to set forth the unit's organizational structure and personnel policies. The adoption, amendment or repeal of unit bylaws shall be in accordance with procedures prescribed therein and require review by legal counsel prior to submission for approval to the Chancellor. Within 45 days of a request for approval, the Chancellor shall act to approve or reject the adoption, amendment or repeal of unit bylaws or they shall be deemed approved. Where the provisions of such unit bylaws, or other such bylaws, procedures and regulations, conflict with the policies of the Board, the Board's policies shall prevail and the conflicting provisions of such institutional bylaws, or other such bylaws, procedures and regulations, shall be void and of no effect whatever. Unit bylaws shall be posted on the NSHE Web site.
- 1.3.6 Student Government Constitutions.** The adoption, amendment or repeal of a student government constitution shall be in accordance with procedures prescribed therein. Prior to a vote of the students, legal counsel shall review any such proposed revisions. If approved by the student body, the revisions shall be transmitted by the President to the Chancellor for approval. Within 45 days of a request for approval, the Chancellor shall act to approve or reject the adoption, amendment or repeal of a student government constitution or they shall be deemed approved. Where the provisions of such student government constitutions, or other such bylaws, procedures and regulations, conflict with

- 1.4.2 Chancellor's Office.** The Chancellor is the chief executive officer of the System. The Chancellor's Office is the headquarters of the System and consists of the Chancellor and the Chancellor's staff.
- 1.4.3 Branches and Member Institutions.** The branches of the University of Nevada and the member institutions of the Nevada System of Higher Education are: University of Nevada, Reno; University of Nevada, Las Vegas; Desert Research Institute; Nevada State University; College of Southern Nevada; Great Basin College; Western Nevada College; and Truckee Meadows Community College.
- 1.4.4 Special Units.** The special units are the Chancellor's Office and the Nevada System of Higher Education Computing Services, which, for administrative purposes, shall be combined into the Unit with the Chancellor as its President.
- 1.4.5 Professional Staff.** The System institutions shall each have a professional staff which shall be organized in accordance with institutional bylaws. The professional staff shall consist of all persons holding professional positions as defined and authorized by the Board of Regents.
- 1.4.6 Faculty Policy Recommendations.** Under procedures which may be established by the institutional bylaws, the faculty may recommend general policy on matters of faculty welfare, faculty rights under the Nevada System of Higher Education Code and faculty involvement in the University of Nevada's primary missions.
- 1.4.7 Senates.** All members of the faculty of a member institution shall be represented in each such institution in which they are employed by an entity to be known as the "Senate," or by another entity or entities which may be established in the institutional bylaws, and which shall be organized in conformity with institutional bylaws. All members of the faculty of the Unit shall be represented in one senate to be known as the "Unit senate," and which is to be organized in conformity with the institutional bylaws.
- 1.4.8 Senate and Faculty Recommendations.** Actions of the senates may be considered by the faculty in accordance with institutional bylaws. When applicable, the recommendations of the senates, or of the faculty acting on senate actions, concerning general policy on matters of faculty welfare, faculty rights under the Nevada System of Higher Education Code and faculty involvement in the University of Nevada's primary missions shall be transmitted to the Presidents for decision or, if the Board of Regents' approval is needed, for recommendations from the Presidents through the Chancellor to the Board of Regents for the Board's decision.

1.5.4 Vacancy in the Office of the Chancellor.

- (a) As used in this Section, “Officer in Charge” means the person who has been designated by the Chancellor to be the officer in charge in the temporary absence or vacancy in the Office of Chancellor.
- (b) The Chancellor, in consultation with the Board Chair, shall maintain on file with the Chair of the Board of Regents, in writing, the designation of three persons currently serving in the System Office, that are, in the order listed, deemed to be the officer in charge should a temporary absence or a vacancy occur in the position of Chancellor. The list shall include the name, title and contact information for each person. If the person listed first is unavailable at the time of the temporary absence or vacancy, the next person listed in order shall serve as the officer in charge. If the persons listed first and second are unavailable at the time of the temporary absence or vacancy, the third person listed shall serve as the officer in charge.
- (c) When a vacancy occurs in the position of Chancellor, the officer in charge shall exercise the powers of the Chancellor until an acting or interim Chancellor is appointed by the Board.
- (d) Whenever the Board Chair determines that a vacancy has occurred or

Classified Council executive board, the chair of the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access Council, and any other NSHE or community representatives as determined by the Board Chair and Vice Chair. The System designated affirmative action officer shall serve as an ex officio member of the advisory committee. The advisory members, not to exceed twenty, shall serve as non-voting members to provide input on matters being considered.

- (h) The Regents' Chancellor Search Committee will oversee the details of the search. The budget for the search shall be established by the Chair of the Board of Regents in consultation with the Chief of Staff to the Board of Regents, Chancellor, Chief General Counsel, and Chair of the Chancellor Search Committee. The Chair of the Chancellor Search Committee shall, in accordance with direction from the Committee, either directly, or in consultation with a Search Consultant, if one is hired, be responsible for the initial screening process to determine candidates for consideration by the Committee. The Regents' Chancellor Search Committee shall meet at the call of the Chair of the Committee to discuss qualifications of applicants recommended after the initial screening process and to hear the recommendations of the members of the advisory committee. The Regents' Chancellor Search Committee will interview and evaluate candidates, and thereafter will select its nominee or nominees for appointment to the position. If the Board determines not to appoint the nominee(s) recommended by the Regents' Chancellor Search Committee, it may direct the Committee to continue the search process and to recommend an additional nominee or nominees for consideration by the full Board of Regents.

The Board Office shall provide staff assistance to the Committee.

- (i) The Board shall determine whether the Committee shall be aided by a Search Consultant at the time it determines the scope of the search for the position of Chancellor. If the Board determines to engage the services of a Search Consultant, the Chief of Staff to the Board of Regents shall, in consultation with the Chair of the Chancellor Search Committee and the Chancellor, select at least three possible Search Consultants for consideration by the Chancellor Search Committee at its first meeting.

- (k) By an affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the members of the Board, the Board may authorize deviations from the processes defined in this policy.

1.5.5 Vacancy in the Office of President.

- (a) As used in this Section, “Officer in Charge” means the person who has been designated by the President of each institution to be the officer in charge in the temporary absence or vacancy in the Office of President.
- (b) The President of each institution shall maintain on file with the Chancellor, in writing, the designation of campus authority consisting of a list of three persons currently serving the institution, that are, in the order listed, deemed to be the officer in charge should a temporary absence or a vacancy occur in the position of President. The list shall include the name, title and contact information for each person. If the person listed first is unavailable at the time of the temporary absence or vacancy, the next person listed in order shall serve as the officer in charge. If the persons listed first and second are unavailable at the time of the temporary absence or vacancy, the third person listed shall serve as the officer in charge.
- (c) When a vacancy occurs in the position of President of a member institution, the institution’s officer in charge shall exercise the powers of the President until an acting or interim President is appointed by the Board.
- (d) Whenever a vacancy occurs or is about to occur in the position of President of a member institution, the Chancellor, in consultation with the Chair of the Board, shall recommend to the Board the appointment of an acting or interim President. Prior to making the recommendation of an acting or interim President, the Chancellor and Chair of the Board shall first meet with major constituencies, including the representatives of faculty and classified senates or their equivalents, and student government representatives of the institution to receive their suggestions and input for the appointment of an acting or interim President. Additional constituencies may include, but are not limited to, provosts, vice presidents and other executive staff, campus employees, faculty, students, presidential advisory board members, foundation trustees and community representatives.
- (e) At the time the Board considers the Chancellor’s recommendation for the appointment of an acting or interim President, the Board shall also determine whether a search shall be conducted, or if an interim President shall be appointed to a specified term of one to three years.
 - 1) If the Board determines to conduct a search, the Board will appoint an acting President. If an acting President is appointed, the acting President serves as the President of the institution until a person is permanently appointed as President following a presidential search. An acting President will not be eligible for consideration as a candidate for the permanent appointment as President. The Board

President. Department chairs as administrators shall be directly responsible to their supervisor or supervisors for the operation of their departments.

- (b) The appointment of vice presidents reporting directly to the institutional President, including interim or acting appointments, shall be subject to the approval of the Chancellor. Such appointments shall not take effect, and no