

NEVADA COMMUNITY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE HISTORIC TIMELINE

Bill/Report

First Nevada public 2-year college: Elko Community College formed to serve residents in northern Nevada

Assembly Bill 22: Designated Elko Community College as a pilot project for community colleges

“Recommendations for Community College Education in the State of Nevada: A Report to the Superintendent of Public Instruction” by **Arthur D. Little Company, Incorporation**

“State Plan for Community Colleges in the State of Nevada” by **Community College Division of the University of Nevada System and adopted by the Board of Regents**

Clark County Community College and Western Nevada Community College opened

“Report to the Legislative Commission, Studying the Community College Division of the University of Nevada System”, Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 44 by **Legislative Council Bureau**

Truckee Meadows Community Colleges (a branch of Western Nevada Community College) becomes its own 2-year public college

Senate Joint Resolution 12: Authorized the Legislature to create a 5-member board of trustees for a system of community colleges

Assembly Joint Resolution 3: Separate board of regents for the community colleges

Finding(s)/Recommendation(s)

Formed under the governance of Elko School District Board of Trustees

Arthur D. Little report recommended:

- Nevada should establish 3 community colleges campuses (Las Vegas, Reno, Elko)
- Have a separate board of control for community colleges
- Organize as a single community college structure each with a local advisory board

State Plan recommended:

- The max size of 2 year colleges should be 5,000 FTE students
- 60% of students should be enrolled in vocational programs
- Community colleges shall not become four-year colleges
- Continuous contact with regional business and industry should be maintained through active advisory committees

LCB Report found:

- Reaffirmed the LCB opinion (from 1968) that the legal basis exists to statutorily separate the community college division from the University of Nevada System
- Committee felt it was premature because of the need to create strong transfer agreements
- Board of Regents should develop a local or statewide advisory board, or community college committee to solicit community advise

Passed the Senate but failed to be reported from the Assembly committee

Failed in the Assembly

1967

1968

1971

1978

1979

1983

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“The Road Less Traveled: Redesigning the Higher Education System of Nevada” by **RAND, Council for Aid to Education**

2002



“Fresh Look at Nevada Community Colleges” by **NSHE Chancellor Task Force**

2011

“Unify, Regionalize, Diversify: An Economic Development Agenda for Nevada” by **Brookings Institution & SRI International**



“Report to the Nevada Legislature’s Committee to Study the Funding of Higher Education” by **SRI International**

2012

Senate Bill No. 391: Interim Study Concerning the Governance Structure and Funding Methods for Community Colleges in Nevada

2013



Finding(s)/Recommendation(s)

Report recommended 3 models to restructure public postsecondary governance:

- Adopt a hybrid public/private sector model (autonomy to campuses)
- Create multiple boards: each university and 1 for two-year colleges
- Appoint BOR members

Fresh Look Report found:

- NSHE does not have a “focused, statewide, strategic plan for the state’s community colleges.”
- “Nevada’s community colleges could be more responsive to community needs by bringing the governance of each to the communities it serves, as is the case in most other states.”

Report recommended public 2-year colleges should:

- Build channels for industry to communicate workforce needs
- Cultivate active contacts with local business and industry

Report recommended:

- Institutional autonomy and alignment to workforce needs should be encouraged through the establishment of a separate governance structure and funding channels for community colleges

Committee meetings to date:

- Subcommittee on Academic & Workforce Alignment

<http://leg.state.nv.us/Interim/77th2013/Committee/Studies/CommCollegesAcadWork/?ID=75>

- Subcommittee on Governance & Funding

<http://leg.state.nv.us/Interim/77th2013/Committee/Studies/CommCollegesGovFund/?ID=74>

Resources

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<http://leg.state.nv.us/interim/77th2013/Committee/Studies/CommColleges/Other/28-January-2014/RecommendationsforCommunityCollegeEducationDecember1968.pdf>

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http://tn.gov/thec/Divisions/PPR/planning/pdf/state_master_plans/Nevada_MP_02.pdf

“Fresh Look at Nevada Community Colleges” by NSHE Chancellor Task Force (2011)

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