

BOARD OF REGENTS
BRIEFING PAPER
HANDBOOK REVISIONS: Degree Revocation Policy

BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:

During the August 4, 2006, Special Board meeting, regents heard testimony on the violations of the Honor Code at University of Nevada, Las Vegas, School of Dental Medicine. At that time the Board discussed the appropriateness of revoking an academic degree under certain circumstances. Currently, the Board does not have a formal degree revocation policy. Nationally, both public and private institutions generally have exerted authority to withhold and revoke degrees when it is confirmed that the student engaged in acts of academic misconduct, deceit, or fraud.

A policy proposal outlining the protocols for degree revo

COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY:

- Consistent With Current Board Policy: Title # _____ Chapter # _____ Section # _____
- Amends Current Board Policy: *Title 2, Chapter 6, Section 6.3*
- Amends Current Procedures & Guidelines Manual: Chapter # _____ Section # _____
- Other: _____
- Fiscal Impact: Yes _____ No _____
Explain: _____

POLICY PROPOSAL – *as amended*
TITLE 2, CHAPTER 6, SECTION 6.3
Degree Revocation

Additions appear in ***boldface italics***; deletions are [~~stricken~~ and bracketed]

Section 6.3 Disciplinary Sanctions

hearing committee and special hearing officer shall be appointed in accordance with Section 6.12.

- (d) The charged party shall receive all due process required by this Chapter in the investigation and hearing.*
- (e) The President may consider alternatives to revocation of degree, depending on the severity of the offense.*
- (f) After receiving the recommendation of the special hearing officer and special hearing committee, if it is determined that revocation of the degree is warranted, the President may revoke the degree. The charged party shall have an opportunity to appeal to the Board of Regents based on the procedure and grounds for appeal specified in Section 6.14.*
- (g) On appeal, the Board may take such ac*