

BOARD OF REGENTS  
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
Sierra Building, Elizabeth Sturm Library  
Truckee Meadows Community College  
7000 Dandini Boulevard, Reno  
Thursday-Friday, June 21-22, 2007

Members Present: Mr. Bret Whipple, Chair  
Dr. Jack Lund Schofield, Vice Chair  
Mr. Mark Alden  
Dr. Stavros S. Anthony  
Mr. Cedric Crear  
Dr. Thalia M. Dondero  
Mrs. Dorothy S. Gallagher  
Dr. Jason Geddes  
Mr. Ron Knecht  
Mr. James Dean Leavitt  
Mr. Howard Rosenberg  
Mr. Steve Sisolak  
Mr. Michael B. Wixom

Others Present: Chancellor James E. Rogers  
Executive Vice Chancellor Daniel Klaich  
Vice Chancellor, Academic & Student Affairs, Jane Nichols  
Vice Chancellor, Finance, Mike Reed  
Interim Vice Chancellor, HSS, Marcia Turner  
Interim Vice Chancellor, Technology, Kenneth McCollum  
Chief Counsel Bart Patterson  
Special Counsel Brooke Nielsen  
President Richard Carpenter, CCSN  
President Stephen G. Wells, DRI  
President Paul T. Killpatrick, GBC  
President Fred Maryanski, NSC  
Interim President Delores Sanford, TMCC  
President David B. Ashley, UNLV  
President Milton D. Glick, UNR  
President Carol A. Lucey, WNCC  
Chief Executive Officer of the Board Scott Wasserman

Also present were faculty senate chairs Ms. Judy Stewart, CCSN; Mr. Steven Bale, TMCC; Dr. Bryan Spangelo, UNLV; Dr. Stephen Rock, UNR; and Brian Campbell, System Administration. Dr. Alison Murray represented DRI, Ms. Pat Anderson represented GBC, Dr. Francine Mayfield represented NSC and Mr. Richard Stewart represented WNCC. Student government leaders present included Mr. Taylor Gray, CCSN; Mr. Richie LeSpade, GBC; Mr. Robert Leadbeter, NSC; Mr. Adriel Espinoza, UNLV; Mr. Jeremy Houska, UNLV; Ms. Sarah Ragsdale, UNR; Mrs. Rebecca Bevans, UNR; and Ms. Hope Manzano, WNCC.

Chair Bret Whipple called the meeting to order 4:58 a.m., on Thursday, June 21, 2007, with all members present.

Chair Whipple's children, Hope and Shea Whipple, led the pledge of allegiance.

Pastor Stephen Bond from the Summit Christian Church offered the invocation.

Chair Whipple announced that agenda item #2 *Procedures & Guidelines Manual, Fee Distribution, UNLV* had been withdrawn. He then asked Chief Executive Officer Was (e)4 (d2C4a-(dr03/TT1,)-5 ( p)

2. Information Only Chair's Report - (Cont'd.)

United States in 2004, TMCC has been first college experience. She was an active member of TMCC's international club, Phi Theta Kappa, a student ambassador and peer advisor. She was also elected vice president of the honor society where she organized many charity services for local charitable organizations. She was awarded an Outstanding Student Scholar award, placed on the TMCC Dean's list and National Dean's list, was nominated for the All USA Academic Team and awarded the 2007 New Century Scholar from the state of Nevada. She plans to pursue a bachelor of science in nursing and continue on to medical school in order to better assist a larger population of people in need.

Ms. Kristen DeMay is a professional counselor and member of the counseling faculty at Truckee Meadows Community College providing personal, career and academic counseling to students. She enjoys working with students to create personal goals in many areas such as academics, career, relationships, communication, stress and anxiety, emotional difficulty, and health and wellness. Ms. DeMay is also an instructor of counseling (n neu-10 (a)4 (c3 (uc )4 (t)-2 (i)-2 (ona)1 (hi)-y (y S)-4 (c)4ogya)4 (r

1. Information Only Chair's Report *(Cont'd.)*

Chair Whipple acknowledged Regents Alden, Anthony and Wixom for their efforts with the Regents Technology Committee, noting the Legislature had provided funding to help

3. Information Only Chancellor's Report (Cont'd.)

President Ashley said he would support tuition increases if the increases could be used to benefit the students. He did not believe the students would support any increase if the increase was not retained by the institution.

President Glick related that higher tuition could potentially benefit students by providing more access to faculty, more facilities and more need-based financial aid. He said he would be hard pressed to support a tuition increase if a return value could not be demonstrated to the students.

Chancellor Rogers related there is an ongoing dialog between NSHE and the Legislature to rework the Letter of Intent and increased tuition.

4. Information Only Public Comment— GBC employee and former student Ms. Robbi Phillips expressed her concerns regarding the circumstances leading to her termination of employment. Chair Whipple advised Chief Counsel Batterson to follow up with GBC counsel regarding the matter.

Mr. Brenner Cavigli, a UNLV and CCSN student, applauded the recently approved name change for CCSN. He discussed SCRS resolution passed in 2005 for an area to be created for international students to meet, congregate and relax. He is working with a group of students to create a World Multicultural Student Events Center, which he felt would unite the city of Las Vegas and CCSN in a joint effort to educate, train and assist in the development of intercultural understanding between the citizens of Las Vegas, students, tourists and international visitors. He requested a future agenda item to consider the student proposal. Chair Whipple encouraged Mr. Cavigli to work with the new Interim President to discuss the potential for bringing forward the item.

5. Approved Consent Agenda The Board approved the Consent Agenda with the exception of items #2 (*Handbook Revision, Extension of Military Leave for Professional Employees*) and #3 (*Procedures & Guidelines Manual, Student Health Service and Health Insurance Rates, Special Student Fees*), which were approved separately and withholding approval of the minutes from the regular Board of Regents' meeting held March 16, 2007, the joint meeting with the State Board of Education held March 16, 2007, and the special Board of Regents' meeting held May 2, 2007.

(1) Approved Minutes— The Board approved the minutes from the regular Board of Regents' meetings held January 25, 2007 (*Ref. C-1a, on file in the Board office*).

(4) Approved New Scholarship Account, UNR The Board approved Vice Chancellor Mike Reeds request to create an endowment for a scholarship to Art majors at UNR based on a donation from the Lawrence family and the Friends of Sammy Davis Jr. Endowment account (*Ref. C-4 on file in the Board office*).

(5) Approved New Scholarship Account, UNR The Board approved Vice Chancellor Mike Reeds request to create an endowment for a scholarship to Art majors at UNR based on a donation from the Retti family (*Ref. C-5 on file in the Board office*).

5. Approved Consent Agenda (Cont'd.)

- (6) Approved New Scholarship Account, TMCC The Board approved TMCC Chief Advancement Officer Ms. B.J. North's request to create the Robert and Barbara Thimot Endowment, which will provide scholarships for Vocational Training, all programs and/or technical studies with emphasis on ~~engineering~~ *Ref. Cn3nV*

5. Approved Consent Agenda (Cont'd.)

(2) Approved Handbook Revision, Extension of Military Leave for Professional Employees  
— (Cont'd.)

Regent Rosenberg moved approval of the *Handbook* revision and amendment concerning extension of military leave for professional employees without the sunset provision. Regent Anthony seconded. Motion carried.

(3) Approved Procedures & Guidelines Manual, Student Health Service and Health Insurance Rates, Special Student Fees  
The Board approved the 2007 student health service fees and student health insurance rates. These revised student fees will be codified in the NSHE *Procedures and Guidelines Manual* and will become effective in the Fall 2007 semester (ref. C-3 on file in the Board office).

Regent Sisolak asked why TMCC and WNCC were no longer eligible for UNR optional insurance. Interim President Sanford replied in-20CheUNT o2 (i)-u7ovta ( he)4 (a)4 (s)-10 lv ati a  
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6. Information Only Farewell to Outgoing Presidents (Cont'd.)

Interim President Sanford related that President Ringle would be remembered for his commitment to the students and his sense of humor. She thanked him for his service, adding that the college would miss him.

7. Approved Appointment, Interim President, TMCCT The Board approved Board Chair Bret Whipples and Chancellor James E. Rogers recommendation for





12. Approved Faculty Hire Above Salary Schedule, Business, NSC The Board approved President Fred Maryanski's request to extend an employment offer to Ms. Grace Thomson as a Business Lecturer at a 9-month base salary of \$60,000 per year. *Don file in the Board office*). Ms. Thomson will be paid an additional \$4,997 per fiscal year exclusive of any merit or COLA increase.

President Maryanski related that Ms. Thomson holds an MBA and is very marketable in the business community. NSC does not currently have a separate salary schedule for the School of Business but the requested level is similar to UNLV's maximum of \$78,000.

Regent Knecht moved approval of the faculty hire above salary schedule for NSC. Regent Anthony seconded.

Regent Sisolak asked whether the salary schedule was being adjusted. Vice Chancellor Sge(hom)-n4 (l)isnt3Si 9.641 (e )]TJ 0fu 0 -1t( N)-u 0 -1reitseconde74 (d.)]TJ 3.97 0 Td ( ) ( )470

14. Approved Faculty Hire Above Salary Schedule and Reimbursement of Certain Expenses, Physicians, UNR

4. Information Only Public Comment (Cont'd.)

Former Lt. Governor and former Regent Dr. Lonnie Hangren complimented Chancellor Rogers' efforts in attempting to create a Health Sciences System, recalling his own past efforts as a Regent to create an integrated, comprehensive, articulated health care education program for Nevada. He observed it had been a great idea that failed to receive the necessary funding to succeed.

15. Approved Vice President for Advancement Employment Agreement, UNLV  
The Board approved President David B. Ashley's request for an employment agreement in excess of one year for the proposed Vice President for Advancement, William G. Boldt, effective September 10, 2007, to June 30, 2010. The terms and conditions of the contract were provided at the meeting. Salary savings resulting from the reorganization, including elimination of the Vice President for Development and the Vice President for University and Community Relations will cover the salary and commitments for this position.

President Ashley related that three positions had been combined into this position. Although Dr. Boldt has three offers in hand, including one for more money than UNLV is offering he has indicated that he favors Las Vegas' climate and the challenge of the position offered. The terms of the contract also include a \$25,000/year performance bonus (contributed by the UNLV Foundation), temporary housing allowance and position (60% time) for his wife.

Regent Sisolak moved approval of the employment agreement for UNLV. Regent Wixom seconded.

Chancellor Rogers expressed his support for the appointment.

Regent Sisolak agreed with the recommendation.

Regent Crear asked about the vacancies that combining these departments would create. President Ashley related that two of the vice presidencies were vacant due to the retirement of those individuals. Following discussions with staff, it was agreed this would be a wise move. Four units will report to this individual.

Regent Knecht also expressed this enthusiasm for this position. He asked that, in regards to the performance bonus, President Ashley focus on output rather than input.

Motion carried.

16. Approved-

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17. Approved Report: Outcomes of the 2007 Session of the Nevada Legislature (d.)  
SB 239 establishes in statute a 16 Advisory Council to assist in the coordination between elementary, secondary and higher education in Nevada, with the Chancellor and Superintendent of Public Instruction serving as ~~offic~~o, non-voting members.

Vice Chancellor Nichols reported that the Governor's office will be providing ~~staff~~ for the P

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17. Approved Report: Outcomes of the 2007 Session of the Nevada Legislature (Cont'd.)

18. Information Only NSHE Master Plan Strategies (Cont'd.)

Additional State Funding:

Assembly Bill – 629

\$400,000 – Women's Research Institute

\$250,000 – Boyd School of Law, Saltman Center for Conflict p7/School of Law Std p

17. Approved Report: Outcomes of the 2007 Session of the Nevada Legislature (Cont'd.)
18. Information Only NSHE Master Plan Strategies (Cont'd.)

Regent Rosenberg moved approval of allocating the student fee increases for the 2007 biennium in the amounts recommended and to direct the Presidents to change the numbers accordingly in the various categories and report back to the next meeting of the Board. Regent Wixom seconded.

Regent Sisolak asked whether everyone at the Legislature had signed off on the resolution of future tuition increases. Chancellor Rogers replied they had not but they were working towards an agreement. Executive Vice Chancellor Klaich felt there was good reception for this solution.

Motion carried. Regent Crear abstained.

Regent Wixom related the \$15 million used for the integrate project comes from the reserve account, which is gross operating income.

Regent Geddes asked whether it was reasonable that the funds be spent by 2011. Regent Wixom related they would not know the total price of the project until the contract negotiations were completed. The focus is to try and get the student services module in place for \$25 million. Executive Vice Chancellor Klaich related that timing would be critical, adding that they are committed to moving deliberately slowly. If an extension is required, NSHE may approach IFC for an extension.

Regent Wixom related that two RFP's have been released. They are now in the process of re-evaluating the responses to the second RFP and will need to come to agreement by the end of summer.

President Glick explained what the universities are doing to address the deficiencies. He expressed appreciation for the COLA, which is important for staff morale. UNR will have a \$2 million net shortfall due to lower than anticipated enrollments. The Letter of Intent will cost approximately another \$1 million. Due to the WUE (Western Under-Graduate Exchange) tuition arrangement, another \$1 million was unachieved. They have also inherited an approximate "structural" deficit of \$2 million. They must now close a \$6 million total gap by increasing revenue or decreasing expenses over several years.

Regent Alden left the meeting.

President Glick said they were making several immediate reductions. DC 9.4r Tc 0.004 Twi4 (\$w -31

17. Approved Report: Outcomes of the 2007 Session of the Nevada Legislature

19. Not Approved Handbook Revision, Political Endorsements/Contributions, Executive Employees, NSHE- The Board did not approve the enactment of a requirement for NSHE executive personnel to disclose to the Bo

19. Not Approved *Handbook*

19. Not Approved Handbook Revision, Political Endorsements/Contributions, Executive Employees, NSHE (Cont'd.)

- 21. Approved Handbook Revision, NSHE Policy on Restricted Access Research  
 The Board approved Presidents David B. Ashley, Milton D. Glick's and Stephen G. Wells request for a policy on classified and proprietary research. The policy includes applicable definitions for restricted access research (Title 2, Chapter 9, Section 1), protocols for the inspection of research-related records by Regents (Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 4), regular reporting of the status and outcome of research endeavors and provisions for appropriate oversight of restricted access research projects (Title 4, Chapter 12, Sections 9 and 10). A portion of this proposal (Title 2, Chapter 9, Section 1) required a Code change. The proposal was presented to the Research and Economic Development Committee at its January 18, 2007 meeting. This was the second reading of the proposal (Ref. J on file in the Board office).

Vice Chancellor Nichols recalled that the Board had requested a policy that specifically defines the responsibility of the President for all types of research. The media has requested copies of a number of proprietary contracts that were part of the UNLV Research Foundation. Under the Open Records Law, confidential information must be clearly defined with a specific reason for such. From the policy proposal, he suggested removing the word "strictly" from the first sentence in Section 9.1 (Ref. J, page 3 of 8) and removing the word "strict" from the first sentence in Section 10.2 (Ref. J, page 7 of 8) (amendments to proposal on file in the Board office).

Dr. Stephen Rock, Faculty Senate Chair, suggested additional language for the second option (Revised Ref. J, Page 5 of 8 on file in the Board office) and indicated his preference for the second alternative.

Chief Counsel Patterson related that while a Code change requires

22. Accepted Evaluation, Chancellor James E. Rogers (cont'd.)

Chancellor's effectiveness with state government, relationship with media, his relationships with Regents, and performance objectives for the coming year (year in the Board office).

Chair Whipple observed the evaluation revealed mixed feelings. He felt the System was in a better position than it was a year ago and that Chancellor Rogers had done a good job. He was pleased with the positive relationship between the President and the Chancellor and the Chancellor's staff. His primary criticism is the relationship that has developed between the Chair and Chancellor over the last six months. He felt the Chancellor should be accountable and reportable to the Board. He expressed his concern investing so much power in one person. He felt it was important to maintain a system of checks and balances. With as many positives as there

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22. Accepted Evaluation, Chancellor James E. Rogers (cont'd.)

Mr. Rowesaid it was very difficult to conduct such an exercise under the provisions of Nevada's Open Meeting Law. An intervention sometimes becomes very personal and he has never seen a public board willing to do that. He felt there were several options available without breaking the law. He called attention to the fact that a rift exists between the Chancellor's supporters and detractors, and if possible, there needs to be some sort of conflict resolution.

Regent Rosenberg stated that the Chancellor's motives are unclear. When the Board hired the Chancellor, they felt his powerful presence would be helpful during the legislative session and that he would bring forward an enlightened businessman's view. The Board was previously the final authority on the hiring and termination of Presidents. The Board in good faith and by majority vote gave Chancellor Rogers the full authority to terminate Presidents. The Chancellor must balance the individual needs of the constituent institutions of the System. He equated the Chancellor's style to absolute autocracy. He was hopeful a relationship could exist free of intimidation and fear. He felt that the Chancellor had engaged in intervening on presidential matters and the running of the individual campuses. He felt the Chancellor regards Board members as his subordinates. He was also disturbed the Chancellor had taken a position on a legislative measure without first discussing it with the Board, knowing that many Board members opposed the measure. While he appreciates the good things the Chancellor has done, he felt the Chancellor's behavior needs to change.

Regent Crear felt the Chancellor was moving the System forward in a positive direction. He acknowledged there were challenges that need to be addressed. He said that exemplary improvements had been made and felt that Chancellor Rogers enjoys the respect of the universities.

Regent Sisolak complimented Board members for keeping their comments constructive in nature. He acknowledged the difficulty of responding to thirteen different bosses. He felt there had been a breakdown in communication. One of the Chancellor's strengths is that he is always willing to meet and talk about issues. He felt that Board members might not take advantage of



25. Approved Handbook Revision, Capitalization Threshold (cont'd)

Regent Sisk questioned why there would not be a fiscal savings if they were no longer tracking Ms. Sandra Cardina, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Finance, replied that sensitive items valued between \$500 and \$2,000 would continue to be tracked.

Motion carried.

26. Approved Handbook Revision, Publications Policy – The Board approved President Richard Carpenter's request for a Handbook revision (Title 4, Chapter 19) to include CCSN's new policy on the Coyote Press student newspaper (Ref. L on file in the Board office).

Regent Geddes moved approval of a *Handbook* revision to include CCSN's new policy on the Coyote Press student newspaper. Regent Knecht seconded.

Regent Crear questioned the policy changes. Chief Counsel Patterson explained that CCSN was one of the few institutions that did not have a formal publications policy. This policy has been reviewed by the faculty senate through their legal counsel's office.

Motion carried.

22. Accepted Evaluation, Chancellor James E. Rogers (cont'd.)

Chancellor Rogers thanked the Board for his evaluation. He pledged that he would continue to work harder and develop the desired lines of communication. He encouraged Board members to feel free to contact him at any time. He assured the Board he would do his share of the work.

27. Approved Handbook Revision, Bylaws, NSG The Board approved Dr. Joan McGee's request for approval of the Nevada State College bylaws for inclusion in the Board of Regents *Handbook* (Title 5) (Ref. M on file in the Board office).

Regent Allen moved approval of a *Handbook* revision to include NSC's bylaws. Regent Gallagher seconded. Motion carried.

28. Approved Handbook Revision, Bylaws, UNLV– The Board approved President David B. Ashley's request for *Handbook*

29. Approved Procedures & Guidelines Manual Revision, Independent Learning Fees 2007-08, UNR– The Board approved President ~~John~~ D. Glick’s request for approval of the Independent Learning Program fees for the University of Nevada, Reno for the 2007-2008 academic year, which will be incorporated into the *Procedures & Guidelines Manual*.  
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30. Approved Evaluation, Chief Executive Officer, Board of Regents (cont'd.)

Regent Dondero related that staff ~~do~~ an outstanding job of anticipating the Regents' needs.

Executive Vice Chancellor Klaich complimented Mr. Wasserman's ability to communicate between Board staff and Chancellor's, ~~staffing~~ that he does a wonderful job of bringing the Board perspective ~~to~~ the Chancellor's staff

Chair Whipple stated that Mr. Wasserman represents this Board so strongly and so well they are fortunate to have him

Regent Knecht complimented the efforts of Board staff.

Regent Leavitt entered the meeting.

Motion carried.

Mr. Wasserman thanked the Board, acknowledging that his performance is the direct result of having an excellent staff.

31. Approved-

18. Information Only NSHE Master Plan Strategies (Cont'd.)  
Chair Whipple indicated that the institution Presidents had requested that it be delayed until the August meeting. He felt this is one of the most important issues the Board can address and encouraged the Regents to keep this item in the forefront.

33. Approved Resolution #002, Marguerite Petersen Foundation Athletic Academic Center, Pack Village, UNR The Board approved Resolution #002, President Milton D. Glick's request to 1) Proceed to construct the new Marguerite Petersen Foundation Athletic Academic Center at Pack Village on the campus of the University of Nevada, Reno and 2) Adopt the Loan Resolution to permit the Nevada System of Higher Education, on behalf of the University of Nevada, Reno, Intercollegiate Athletics, to secure a \$3.4 million, 10 year, tax exempt bank loan as part of the Marguerite Petersen Foundation Athletic Academic Center project financing plan (ref. T on file in the Board office).

Regent Alden moved approval of Resolution #002 regarding the Marguerite Petersen Foundation Athletic Academic Center at Pack Village at UNR. Regent Geddes seconded.

Executive Vice Chancellor Klaich reported that the issue was fully vetted in the Investment Committee.

Regent Sisolak recalled that the System would borrow money, which will be served by a revenue stream consisting of outstanding pledges that have not yet been received.

Executive Vice Chancellor Klaich related that the athletic program is committed to excellence in academics as well. This resolution is the culmination of a wonderful outreach on the part of UNR.

Vice Chancellor Reed related that 400 student athletes benefit from this action.

Motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 11:55 a.m. and reconvened at 12:27 p.m. on Friday, June 22, 2007, with all members present.

34. Approved Foundation Loan Payoff, UNLV The Board approved President David B. Ashley's request to pay off the UNLV Foundation loan for the Foundation building of approximately \$1.120 million. The funding for this request will not be state funded but rather institutionally retained funding from capital improvement fees. The justification for this request is the recent repeal of the 5% overhead charge that the UNLV Foundation has been levying on incoming gifts in order to fund operating costs (including payment on the Foundation loan). Both the UNLV administration and the UNLV Foundation board feel that the elimination of this overhead charge will assist both the university and the Foundation to generate additional donor support, however, in the near term, it creates a financial burden in the budget of the development program during critical phases of the capital campaign. By paying off this debt, for a 100% state O&M funded building for



35. Information Only-NSHE Online Degree Offerings(*Cont'd.*)

President Glick related that 80% of all ~~time~~ students in public universities are students who are ~~on~~campus students and fully enrolled and are taking a single ~~le~~ course for convenience. Quality ~~on~~line offerings are oftentimes more expensive than ~~person~~ [[,w -3.735 -1.15 Td [



36. Approved Board Meetings Electronic Agendas and Reference Materials (cont'd.)

Mr. Wasserman related that after initial costs of moving to a paperless system, the System would save approximately \$5,000 per meeting or \$30,000 per year. Upon a request from the general public, staff would first offer the website or disc before making a paper copy. Internally, there would be no exceptions since producing electronic as well as paper copies would defeat the purpose.

Mr. Wasserman proposed that the Regents, President and Chancellor's Cabinet would receive the discs. All other staff would need to download from the website.

The transition would begin in October 2007 with a one time production of both the electronic and paper agenda. The fully paperless system would begin in November. The Board will also need to purchase 13 laptops for the Regents and begin training.

Regent Alden moved approval of transitioning to a paperless environment.

To answer Regent Geddes question, Mr. Wasserman indicated that the transition to electronic format should not be a hardship to the students as they are well versed in technology.

Regent Gallagher asked if the bound reports would also be available electronically. Mr. Wasserman stated that if the Board accepts the proposal, reference material would need to be provided electronically. The campuses would be responsible for providing paper copies at the meeting.

Mr. Wasserman provided a visual demonstration of using the electronic agenda including the use of electronic postnotes.

Regent Sisolak expressed concern about the various levels of training that will be required. Mr. Wasserman said that System Computing Services would provide the necessary training as well as having sufficient additional staff available at the first few meetings to help troubleshoot.

Regent Crear expressed his support for the use of electronic material.

Regent Dondero echoed her support.

Regent Anthony asked about using the on-line version versus disc. Mr. Wasserman explained that could be problematic if the internet system went down during a meeting.

Regent Sisolak seconded. Motion carried.

37. Approved Board Meeting Calendar 2008 – The Board reviewed and discussed proposed dates and set a meeting schedule for the Board of Regents meetings in 2008. Recommended meeting dates were as follows:

February 7~~8~~  
April 3-4  
June 12~~13~~  
August 7~~8~~  
October 23  
December 4~~5~~

Regent Rosenberg asked to move the June date one week. Mr. Wasserman explained that the Budget and Finance Department had requested the June meeting be held as late in the month as possible. This was the best date that could be worked out within the constraints of holidays.

Regent Alden moved approval of the 2008 meeting dates. Regent Dondero seconded. Motion carried.

38. Information Only Lou Ruvo Brain Institute Representatives from the Lou Ruvo Brain Institute made a presentation on the progress of the Lou Ruvo Brain Institute, the Institute's relationship with the NSHE and the Institute's plans for the future.

Dr. Zaven S. Khachaturian reported that the Lou Ruvo Brain Institute and the University of Nevada School of Medicine are forming a partnership to plan, develop and administer the Nevada Brain Behavior Institute (NBBI). The primary objective of the proposed Brain-Behavior Institute is to elevate the status of neuroscience in Nevada to a position of international prominence. The NBBI, with a mission to foster research on a broad range of brain behavior problems, will be developed in partnership with all other public and private organizations devoted to brain related problems. The NBBI model will be designed, developed and administered as an integral part of the proposed Nevada Health Sciences System. The Institute will serve as a prototype for organizing and joining other clusters of related health problems with high incidence or burden.

Regent Leavitt praised Dr. Khachaturian's efforts, noting that Dr. Khachaturian participated with the Health Sciences System Committee. Dr. Khachaturian suggested that a permanent liaison be assigned from the System.

Executive Vice Chancellor Klaich related that Mr. Larry Ruvo's enthusiasm for the project was infectious.

Regent Sisolak complimented Dr. Khachaturian's efforts. Dr. Khachaturian related that development of this facility could contribute to the economic diversification of Nevada.

39. Approved Election of Officers – The Board approved the election of officers for FY 2007-08 in accordance with Regents' Bylaws (Article IV, Section 2)

39. Approved Election of Officers—(Cont'd.)

During the roll call vote Regent Sisolak ~~wrote~~ drew his name

40. Approved Audit Committee Recommendations

41. Approved Budget & Finance Committee Recommendations (cont'd.)

Regent Sisola moved approval of the Committee

43. Approved Student and Academic Affairs Committee Recommendations (cont'd.)

B.S., Ecohydrology; Elimination of Watershed Science Option in the Environmental & Natural Sciences Major, UNR (Ref. SAA-3 on file in the Board office).

B.S., Education of Deaf and Hard of Hearing, NSC (SAA-4 on file in the Board office).

44. Approved Technology Committee Recommendations (cont'd.)

sure that Vice Chancellor Nichols and her group have the resources and support they need to continue to detail the student services module requirements.

Chief Counsel Bart Patterson reported on the status of negotiations with the vendors. He explained that 1) Term letters have been signed for the software portion of the negotiations (r)3 (614 T( )Tj -0.003 Tc 0.003 Tw [21]-3 ( ) )TJ 0 Tc 0 Tw(N im(m)-6 eenio seri Chif Co I Pterso(f)-1 uoth(r)-1 ((i)-6 en)-4 dvided(t)-6 (h)-4 ((r) r to(ha)4 vhe enclor(e)4 (s) e(t)2 (pp)3-10 asie(i)-2 (of)3 poratio(of)3 porhe

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44. Approved Technology Committee Recommendations (cont'd.)

The Committee recommended that the project move forward with the single data center concept, with redundancy for security and catastrophic reasons, and that Executive Vice Chancellor Klaich be directed to create an advisory committee model for SCS that allows the institutions to have significant input into the way SCS provides its services.

Regent Wixom moved approval of the Committee recommendations and acceptance of the report.  
Regent Alden seconded. Motion carried.

45. Approved Research and Economic Development Committee Recommendations  
Chair Jack Lund Schofield reported the Research and Economic Development Committee met June 14, 2007, and discussed the following:

The Committee received a report on the renewable energy efforts throughout the NSHE. The report highlighted the academic programs, research projects and institutional practices related to renewable and alternative energy. Currently, NSHE institutions are conducting research projects that total in excess of \$38 million.

Dr. Ron Smith, Interim Vice President for Research and Dean of the Graduate School at UNLV, reported a recently established community partnership named "UNLV 21." This grassroots effort combines the research activities of UNLV to find workable solutions to the sustainability and growth challenges facing the Las Vegas area. In addition to the interdisciplinary research activities on campus, UNLV 21 partners with other regional universities to form the Southwest Urban Studies consortium. This consortium will work together to solve similar sustainability issues facing the southwestern United States.

Dr. Bob Boehm, Professor of Mechanical Engineering at UNLV, discussed the hydrogen fueling processes. Immediately following Dr. Boehm's presentation, the Committee toured the hydrogen fueling station located at the Las Vegas Valley Water District facilities. The hydrogen fueling station combines research activities at UNLV and provides hydrogen fuel to vehicles operated by the Las Vegas Valley Water District.

Regent Schofield requested Board action on the following Committee recommendation:

Minutes – The Committee recommended approval of the minutes from March 8, 2007, Committee meeting (Ref. RED-1 on file in the Board office).

Regent Schofield moved approval of the Committee recommendation and acceptance of the report.  
Regent



46. Approved-

46. Approved Investment Committee Recommendations (cont'd.)

Land Lease to Construct a Pilot Aeroponics Vegetable Production Greenhouse,

47. Approved Health Sciences System Committee Recommendations (not d.)

The next Committee meeting was not immediately scheduled to give time for the legislative session to be completed and enable the Regents to reassess the dynamics of the Committee.

Regent Leavitt moved approval of the Committee recommendations and acceptance of the report. Regent Geddes seconded. Motion carried.

48. Information Only New Business- Regent Wixom thanked the Board and especially Regent Sisolak for his extraordinary gesture. He related that the Board is opinionated, engaged and wants to do a good job. Public input made in the tension of differing opinions and he felt that is a positive thing. He welcomed and appreciated the opportunity to serve as Chair. He felt the Board would help change the System in a very positive manner. He also extended his gratitude to Chair Whipple for his service during a difficult time.

Regent Knecht thanked Chair Whipple for his leadership.

Chair Whipple thanked Mr. Phil Kowalski for his sound expertise, Interim President Sanford and the TMCC staff for hosting a successful meeting, as well as the Chartwells catering and SCS staff.

The meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

Scott G. Wasserman  
Chief Executive Officer of the Board of Regents

***Approved by the Board of Regents at its August 16 & 17, 2007, meeting.***