

**BOARD OF REGENTS  
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UNLV; Mr. Jeremy Houska, UNLVGPSA; Ms. Sarah Ragsdale, UNR; a  
WNC.

Chair Michael B. Wixom called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m., on Thursday, February 7, 2008, with all members present except Regent Arden, Sisolak and Whipple.

Regent Crear led the pledge of allegiance.

Reverend Jerry Blankenship, Chaplain for Sunrise Hospital, offered the invocation.

1. Information Only-Introductions – President Wells introduced Mr. Nate Cooper, Assistant Vice President for Development (*Emeritus*)-DRI, who was instrumental in securing the Sulo and Aileen Maki Endowment for DRI. President Wells bestowed the President Medal upon Mr. Cooper. Mr. Cooper expressed his appreciation to the Makis for their generous contribution.

President Lucey introduced Mrs. Katie Leao, Coordinator of Student Life-WNC.

President Richards introduced Mr. RaQuan Snead, Student Body Secretary-CSN; Dr. Diane Waryas, Assessment Coordinator-CSN; and Mr. Ken Schott, Electronic Services Librarian-CSN.

Regent Alden entered the meeting.

2. Information Only-Chair's Report – As part of the Chair's report, Chair Michael B. Wixom requested that the President of each hosting institution introduce one student and one faculty member to discuss a topic of the hosting President's choosing to help provide Board members with a focus on the reasons they serve as Board members.

Mr. RaQuan Snead, Student Body Secretary-CSN, was born in Las Vegas, Nevada. He graduated from Cheyenne High School playing varsity football and varsity volleyball as well as being part of six clubs and organizations. After graduating as the senior class vice president in the top 15% of his class, he began his college career at CSN as a Political Science major. He plans to become a district attorney for the criminal division for Las Vegas. Upon joining student government, Mr. Snead and fellow students changed the name of the college from CCSN to CSN. As the Secretary, he is responsible for all of the minutes, agendas and records for student government. Mr. Snead is also involved with the Planning and Awards Committee and Funding Proposal Committee Chairperson where he oversees all of the programs that student government produces as well as funding opportunities for college clubs. Mr. Snead takes five classes per semester, maintains a 3.0 GPA and participates in community service through his Grace Christian Fellowship church. Mr. Snead also has a full-time job where he works the graveyard shift for Chrysalis, an organization that helps mentally challenged individuals to function on their own.

Regent Sisolak entered the meeting.

Dr. Diane Waryas, Assessment Coordinator-CSN, has served as CSN's Assessment Coordinator since 2006 following a return to the college from the University of Utah where she also directed assessment. Previously, Dr. Waryas was Communication Faculty at CSN and has also taught in California, Michigan and Ohio.

In her role at CSN, Dr. Waryas manages all assessment activities at the college, including faculty and staff training and related assessment analysis and reporting. She also



3. Information Only-Public Comment (Agenda Item #4) – (Cont'd.)

Regent Sisolak suggested a video transcript of the passionate public comments be made available to the Governor and legislators.

Mr. Taylor Gray, Student Body President-CSN, addressed the impact of a 4.5% budget reduction to CSN. He said that CSN is under-funded and treated inequitably with regard to state funding levels. He felt the legislators and Governor are primarily responsible. Noting that the Board had determined that each institution budget should be reduced





**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS CONSIDERED SEPARATELY:** *(Cont'd.)*

(6) Approved-Capital Improvement Fee Funds, CSN – *(Cont'd.)*

Regent Sisolak asked several questions to identify the specific off-site construction project. Vice President Charlton Dayar replied the request was due in part to a lack of funding for the Phase II portion of the project, specifying that it also involved a dirt road that required paving following installation of sewer connections. Regent Sisolak asked about the possibility of obtaining municipal funds. Executive Vice Chancellor Klaich felt the issue needed to be researched further before determining an answer. Vice President Charlton Dayar indicated that other sources of funding were investigated.

Regent Sisolak moved approval of the Capital Improvement Fee funds expenditure for CSN. Regent Alden seconded. Motion carried. Regent Whipple was absent.

(7) Approved-New Endowment, UNR – The Board approved Vice Chancellor Mike Reed's request to accept a \$10,800 donation from Regent Howard Rosenberg and friends to establish a new endowment account in memory of his sister, Patti S. Egger. The donors expressly requested this endowment account to be invest-2 (s)- (t)1 ( a)4 (m (t)-2 (a) do(e)-6 ((i)-6 (nb)-1

6. Approved-Resolution #08-01, Bank Financing for Signage, Revenue Generating Signs, UNLV – The Board approved the Budget & Finance Committee’s recommendation regarding UNLV President David B. Ashley’s request for a resolution to allow the Nevada System of Higher Education, on behalf of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, to secure bank financing up to the sum of \$2,600,000 for the construction and acquisition of revenue generating signs at UNLV athletic facilities (*Ref. BF-5 on file in the Board office*). Bank financing will be repaid from additional revenues generated from outsourcing athletic corporate sales. Estimated repayment costs for the loan are projected to be \$350,000 per year for ten years and are subject to the terms and conditions negotiated with the lending institution selected.



6. Approved-Resolution #08-01, Bank Financing for Signage, Revenue Generating Signs, UNLV – (Cont'd.)

Regent Rosenberg observed that the matter of honoring the naming commitment was part of a broader conversation relative to donations made and expectations of the donors that may not be in written form. He suggested a future agenda item to address this matter. Executive Vice Chancellor Klaich stated that staff was researching the policies regarding naming opportunities at the institutions. He related that Vice Chancellor Reed would be addressing the matter with the business officers. Vice President Bomotti said he would ensure that the commitments made to the Redd family would be honored.

Chair Wixom asked about the form of the agreement. Vice President Bomotti replied it was a negotiated contract; bids were solicited and total revenue was evaluated for each contract. This agreement was negotiated with the recommended vendor. Chair Wixom established that the vendor agreed to provide a minimum of \$350,000 per year for the signage component. Vice President Bomotti clarified it also included an additional guaranteed minimum per year as revenue and a split on revenues above a certain threshold within a year. Chair Wixom asked whether the guarantee was conditional. Vice President Bomotti replied that the minimum guarantee was not conditional.

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7. Information Only-Recommended Tuition & Fees, 2009-11 (Agenda Item 8) – (Cont'd.)

➤ Part-Time Non-Resident Students:

- ✓ Community Colleges, 2009-10 = \$66.00 per credit (3.0% increase).
- ✓ Community Colleges, 2010-11 = \$69.25 per credit (3.25% increase).
- ✓ Community College Upper-Division and NSC, 2009-10 = \$108.00 per credit (5.25% increase).
- ✓ Community College Upper-Division and NSC, 2010-11 = \$113.50 per credit (5.5% increase).
- ✓ University Undergraduate, 2009-10 = \$149.50 per credit (7.0% increase).
- ✓ University Undergraduate, 2010-11 = \$157.00 per credit (7.5% increase).
- ✓ University Graduate, 2009-10 = \$239.50 per credit (21.75% increase).
- ✓ University Graduate, 2010-11 = \$263.50 per credit (24.0% increase).
- ✓ State College Graduate, 2009-10 = \$176.25 (16.0% increase).
- ✓ State College Graduate, 2010-11 = 194.00 (17.75% increase).

Discounted Tuition Rates:

- Good Neighbor Tuition – Students enrolling under the Good Neighbor classification will, in addition to registration fees, pay a discounted tuition charge. Community college and state college Good Neighbor tuition is calculated by multiplying the registration fees times 60%. University Good Neighbor tuition is calculated by multiplying the registration fees times 110%.

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7. Information Only-Recommended Tuition & Fees, 2009-11 (Agenda Item 8) – (Cont'd.)

Regent Knecht requested that, in regards to the letter of intent, the Board be updated on progress that is made. Executive Vice Chancellor Klaich stated that the Chancellor has discussed the letter of intent and the need to raise tuition and to keep the bulk of the increase on the respective campuses. The recent budget situation has overshadowed 14.43 0 Td [2see

7. Information Only-Recommended Tuition & Fees, 2009-11 (Agenda Item 8) – (Cont'd.)

Regent Sisolak questioned the percentage increase differences between one fiscal year and the next in regards to non-resident tuition. Vice Chancellor Nichols replied it was based upon the WICHE average with a three year lag. There is not the same gap with universities as there is with the community colleges. Regent Sisolak asked whether non-resident tuition could be increased slightly to allow a portion to be devoted to resident

7. Information Only-Recommended Tuition & Fees, 2009-11 (Agenda Item 8) – (Cont’d.)

Mr. Taylor Anderson, ASUN Senator-UNR, stated that the students originally agreed to a 9% increase on the condition the Chancellor continue discussions with the Legislature regarding the institutions maintaining control over a greater portion of tuition increases. A 5% increase covers inflation. The students were not opposed to increases so long as the students realized a benefit.

Regent Dondero noted that she was disturbed by some of the inequities in the distribution and hoped that proposed increases would be fair across all of the institutions.

The meeting recessed at 3:34 p.m. and reconvened at 3:41 p.m. on Thursday, February 7, 2008, with all members present except Regent Whipple.

8. Information Only-Procedures & Guidelines Manual Revision, Tuition & Fees, William S. Boyd School of Law & UNLV School of Dental Medicine, 2009-11, UNLV (Agenda Item 9) - President David B. Ashley presented for information the proposed tuition and fee  
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8. Information Only-Procedures & Guidelines Manual Revision, Tuition & Fees, William S. Boyd School of Law & UNLV School of Dental Medicine, 2009-11, UNLV (Agenda Item 9) – (Cont'd.)

grandfathering process for which they have not heard significant opposition from the Legislature. Their main goal is to stabilize the evening program without sacrificing quality.

Regent Sisolak asked about the attendance levels at their student forums. Dean White replied that forums are held every three weeks at different times of day for both the day and evening students. In the current semester, two forums have been conducted that included the proposed tuition increase. The evening forums had a turnout of approximately 25-30 students. There was a much smaller cadre of students in attendance at the day student forums.

Chancellor Rogers stated that he was unaware of any law school that enjoyed the level of local support as the Boyd School of Law, with the exception of the Yale type schools. He felt that it was appropriate for students to bear the burden of a significant portion of the cost of their professional degrees, adding that their investment will result in a significant income flow once the degree is obtained.

Regent Sisolak felt that philosophy made a great deal of sense and suggested that the Chancellor discuss the tuition increase with the students. Chancellor Rogers observed that the private sector and state were subsidizing a portion of the cost and the students should as well.

Executive Vice Chancellor Klaich recalled a level of resistance from the previous legislative session when a blanket exemption was proposed for existing law students.

Regent Crear expressed his support for the proposed increase. He felt it was important for the school to live up to the expectations placed upon it and provide a value education.

Regent Rosenberg asked whether a more modest increase would be more prudent. Dean White replied that given the four-year program and biennium funding, there will always be an existing class of students who will want or expect grandfathering rights. The size of the increase relates to market realities that are faced. Nevada is a small state with a small number of LSAT takers. In that market place, the school cannot afford to lose the best students to competitive schools when trying (r)3 (cinf( h)-4 (i))4 (s)-1 9 >>BDC 7ovd [(be)4 (s)4



8. Information Only-Procedures & Guidelines Manual Revision, Tuition & Fees, William S.

9. Information Only-Procedures & Guidelines Manual Revision, Tuition & Fees, University of Nevada School of Medicine, 2009-11, UNR (Agenda Item 10) – (Cont'd.)

Dean John McDonald, School of Medicine-UNR, reported the SOM receives \$33 million from the state with which to train 62 physicians. The state's \$33 million investment is returned five-fold in economic development including education, research and outreach. Although it would be difficult to determine the actual cost to educate each student, he estimated it to be \$100,000 to \$120,000 per student. In general, their tuition is lower than most western public schools. However, their students graduate with more debt, believed to be attributed in part to the cost of living and travel between Reno and Las Vegas.

The proposed 5% per year increase will help them work towards the WICHE median. He cautioned that medical school students continue to accumulate debt after medical school graduation due to three to five more years of post graduate training.

Regent Sisolak asked if medical students could pay back their tuition after they begin practicing privately. Dean McDonald related that there are few physicians that earn \$500,000 per year. The potential to accumulate higher debt will impact the career paths of individuals. Regent Sisolak asked why service in rural locations could not be used to offset educational debt. Dean McDonald said there were state and federal loan programs already offered in return for service. Regent Sisolak asked if specialty careers could pay their loans in cash while primary practice careers could pay their loans in service. Dean McDonald noted that if Nevada were to adopt that approach, it would be the only school employing such a model. He also noted that the higher the tuition, the more anglo-dominated the program will become and that diversity should be considered.

Regent Sisolak asked where the funds come from to recruit faculty. Dean McDonald replied that their past hires have all been taken from reserve operating funds.

Regent Gallagher noted that many graduates open their own practices which requires even further debt.

Chancellor Rogers felt there must be some elasticity upon demand for those attending medical school. An Osteopathic school in Las Vegas charges \$40,000 per year whereas the UNSOM charges \$12,000 per year. He asked how many applications were received for the 62 medical school spots. Dean McDonald replied there are only approximately 150 qualified applicants per year. Chancellor Rogers asked if any research had been conducted as to what would happen if the tuition was increased from \$12,000 to \$25,000 or \$40,000 per year. President Glick noted that the UNSOM accepts primarily Nevada residents while the other school admits predominantly non-residents. He felt that the UNSOM has an obligation to serve the Nevada community and to maintain diversity.

Chancellor Rogers agreed, adding that he was trying to determine whether raising the tuition, and thereby the income, would allow the school to increase the number of students allowed in the program. Dean McDonald replied that he wished that were the case except that every dollar raised is returned to the state general fund. Chancellor Rogers stated that the primary issue should be that if tuition was raised, assuming the UNSOM could retain the funds, what would that do for the school. Dean McDonald stated that because they have a small class and a large budget, the tuition would have to be significantly increased to make a difference. Chancellor Rogers noted that increasing the class size from 62 to 100 would make a difference of \$1 million per year.

9. Information Only-Procedures & Guidelines Manual Revision, Tuition & Fees, University of Nevada School of Medicine, 2009-11, UNR (Agenda Item 10) – (Cont'd.)

Dean McDonald stated that research grants and practice plans are responsible for over 80% of their annual budget. Chancellor Rogers noted that if the tuition was increased proportionately, the practice plan may not have to subsidize the students' tuition. Dean McDonald stated that such a hypothesis has never been investigated but he would like to test its viability in surveys rather than in actual practice. The UNSOM's tuition is approximately 31% lower than their median peer group.

Regent Dondero asked whether the residency program brought any revenue to the program. Dean McDonald replied that because residents are unlicensed physicians, they cannot bill for their services. The hospital returns to the university what it costs to pay the residents' small salary and fringe benefit whether their program is in a public or private hospital.

Regent Sisolak established that fees (*internal mentoring, and health programs*) are different from tuition in that the school is allowed to retain the money.

10. Approved-Employment Contract, Clinical Sciences, UNLV (Agenda Item 12) – The Board approved UNLV President David B. Ashley's request for the employment salary above schedule for Dr. Daniel L. Orr III, D.D.S., M.D., in the UNLV School of Dental Medicine, as Professor-in-Residence of Clinical Sciences (Oral Maxillofacial Surgery) (Ref. F on file in the Board office). Current faculty salary budgets are sufficient to support this offer.

Regent Sisolak asked why tail coverage was not requested. Dr. Karen West, Dean, School of Dental Medicine-UNLV, replied that tail coverage was not part of the negotiated contract. Chief Counsel Patterson stated that not every contract includes tail coverage, adding that very few do. He related that staff was working on a policy to determine the criteria by which it would be appropriate to award tail coverage.

Regent Sisolak said he had the same question for the following agenda item, noting a lack of consistency in some of the contracts. He observed the System could save quite a bit of money by not awarding tail coverage.

Dean West stated that the provision of tail coverage had not been a part of either of the

12. Approved-Tenure Upon Hire, UNLV (Agenda Item 14) – The Board approved UNLV President David B. Ashley’s request for tenure upon hire for Mr. Pablo F. Medina, effective August 1, 2008. This request was pursuant to Board policy which specifies that

14. Approved-Handbook Revision, Student Race/Ethnicity Identification (Agenda Item 16) – (Cont’d.)

Vice Chancellor Nichols related that the primary reason for instituting this revision a year prior to its actual requirement was to assist in the development of the data for the iNtegrate student services module. It makes more sense to establish the new software under the new ethnicity guidelines.

Regent Geddes moved approval of the *Handbook* revision concerning student race/ethnicity identification. Regent Gallagher seconded.

Regent Knecht expressed his opposition in principle to the amount of data already collected and was not convinced this change was needed before it is absolutely required.

Regent Sisolak asked if a student answers yes to question 1, section 5, as to whether they are Hispanic/Latino, do they continue to answer question #2. Vice Chancellor Nichols explained that the category of Hispanic/Latino is not an exclusive category. A student could be Hispanic/Latino and also fall into other categories such as Caucasian. It is possible for two or three categories to be indicated when answering ethnicity questions.

The full text of the question, as stated under federal guidelines, will be provided to the students for the purposes of clarification.

Motion carried. Regent Knecht voted no. Regent Whipple was absent.

15. Approved-Procedures & Guidelines Manual Revision, Non-Resident Summer Tuition Fee, William S. Boyd School of Law, UNLV (Agenda Item 18) – The Board approved President David B. Ashley’s request to establish a non-resident per credit charge (equal to the current non-resident law fee per credit charge) for all non-resident students enrolled in the William S. Boyd School of Law during the summer sessions (Ref. L on file in the Board office).

Regent Rosenberg moved approval of the *Procedures & Guidelines Manual* revision concerning non-resident per credit charge for the William S. Boyd School of Law during the summer sessions.









16. Approved-Budget Reduction Plans – Reversion of iNtegrate Funds (Agenda Item 7) –  
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Regent Geddes moved approval of the budget reduction plans including the changes provided by the Presidents and the recent change proposed by

16. Approved-Budget Reduction Plans – Reversion of iNtegrate Funds (Agenda Item 7) –  
(Cont'd.)

Regent Knecht moved approval of composing a letter to the Governor reflecting the Board's support



17. Approved-Tuition Bracket Study (Agenda Item 11) – (Cont'd.)

Regent Gallagher moved approval of requesting a study of a possible tuition bracket within NSHE. Regent Knecht seconded. Motion carried. Regent Sisolak voted no. Regents Anthony, Crear and Whipple were absent.

Regent Crear entered the meeting.

18. Approved-Procedures & Guidelines Manual Revision, Management of Host Expenditures/Table Purchases (Agenda Item 17) – The Board approved Executive Vice Chancellor Dan Klaich's request for a revision to the Board's current policies and procedures (*Procedures and Guidelines Manual, Chapter 5, Section 1*) regarding the use of host funds foe2ce

18. Approved-Procedures & Guidelines Manual Revision, Management of Host Expenditures/Table Purchases (Agenda Item 17) – (Cont'd.)

Regent Rosenberg moved approval of the *Procedures & Guidelines Manual* revision concerning host expenditures and table purchases. Regent Gallagher seconded. Motion carried. Regents Anthony and Whipple were absent.

19. Approved-Regents' Awards – The Board approved the 2008 Distinguished Nevadan and Regent Scholar recipients:

A. Distinguished Nevadans - Policy: Handbook, Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 14 (Ref. M on file in the Board office):

- Dr. Joseph N. Crowley, Reno, *Nominated by Regent Geddes.*

Regent Rosenberg moved approval of the nomination of Dr. Joseph N. Crowley for Distinguished Nevadan. Regent Gallagher seconded. Motion carried. Regents Anthony and Whipple were absent.

- Mr. Michael Gaughan, Las Vegas, *Nominated by Regent Alden.*

Regent Knecht moved approval of the nomination of Mr. Michael Gaughan for Distinguished Nevadan. Regent Rosenberg seconded. Motion carried. Regents Anthony and Whipple were absent.

- Mr. Lynn C. Hettrick, Gardnerville, *Nominated by Regent Knecht.*

Regent Geddes moved approval of the nomination of Mr. Lynn C. Hettrick for Distinguished Nevadan. Regent Alden seconded. Motion carried. Regents Anthony and Whipple were absent.

- Mrs. Cathy Ray, Las Vegas, *Nominated by Regent Wixom.*

Regent Alden moved approval of the nomination of Mrs. Cathy Ray for Distinguished Nevadan. Regent Sisolak seconded. Motion carried. Regents Anthony and Whipple were absent.

- Mr. Edward Dewayne Smith, Las Vegas, *Nominated by Regent Schofield.*

Regent Rosenberg moved approval of the nomination of Mr. Edward Dewayne Smith for Distinguished Nevadan. Regent Gallagher seconded. Motion carried. Regents Anthony and Whipple were absent.

19. Approved-Regents' Awards – (Cont'd.)

- Mr. Bruce L. Woodbury, Las Vegas, *Nominated by Regent Dondero.*

Chair Wixom observed that Mr. Bruce L. Woodbury is currently serving as an elected public official. Pursuant to the *Procedures & Guidelines Manual (Chapter 8, Section 1)*, the Board waived its limitation of bestowing the award of Distinguished Nevadan upon a current elected public official.

Regent Alden moved approval of waiving the Board limitation. Regent Rosenberg seconded. Motion carried. Regents Geddes and Leavitt voted no. Regents Anthony and Whipple were absent.

Regent Sisolak disclosed that Mr. Woodbury is the partner of Regents Sisolak's lawyer, adding that he did not feel it would impact his vote.

Regent Geddes explained he would be voting no because he was opposed to waiving Board policy, but had nothing against Mr. Woodbury personally.

Chancellor Rogers expressed his support for the nomination.

Regent Leavitt expressed his support for Regent Geddes' reasoning for not waiving Board policy.







20. Information Only-Update on Native American Students – (Cont'd.)

Regent Dondero noted that Native Americans may be interested in seeking hospitality classes as they are becoming more and more involved in gaming and hospitality. Dr. Mills agreed that was a great employment opportunity and efforts in that area need to be increased.

Regent Gallagher indicated that in her personal experience, she noticed that there is an issue with other members of the Native American community that have not succeeded in higher education in accepting and supporting individuals that have been successful in higher education. She was unsure how that could be overcome. Dr. Mills agreed that was one of the most painful aspects for those that are working with these students. This is an issue that is shared by many first-generation students.

President Killpatrick related that GBC has established an outreach center that includes Native Americans in Elko's Cowboy Poetry events. This allows an opportunity to display and sell Native American crafts during the event. He has seen the same situation as that related by Regent Gallagher on their campus. In response, GBC has organized study halls for American Indian students to develop a cohort to help support each other and to help the campus keep a finger on the pulse of what is going on in their lives. He meets with them once a month himself. Their culture tends not to communicate with their instructors when there are problems at home, rather they tend to just disappear. They also have a Native American archive to capture and preserve their oral histories.

Chair Wixom asked th

21. Approved-Investment Committee Recommendations

21. Approved-Investment Committee Recommendations (Agenda Item 25) – (Cont'd.)

Regent Dondero moved approval of the Committee recommendations and acceptance of the report.  
Regent Geddes seconded.

Regent Sisolak urged that steps be taken to ensure the other System institutions share in the cost of developing UNHSS cooperatives. Executive Vice Chancellor Trevisan indicated those conversations were beginning to occur so that resources, costs and governance would be shared by all of the institutions involved.

Executive Vice Chancellor Klaich related that UNLV Vice President Bomotti would monitor the situation.

Motion carried. Regents Alden, Anthony and Whipple were absent.

22. Approved-Audit Committee Recommendations (Agenda Item 21) - Chair Ron Knecht reported the Audit Committee met February 7, 2008, and received follow-up responses for eleven internal audit reports that were presented to the Committee at the June and August 2007 meetings. The Committee received reports from the UNLV Alumni Association and UNLV Football Foundation regarding their plans for an external audit for the year ending June 30, 2008. Chief Counsel Bart Patterson and Assistant Vice Chancellor Sandi Cardinal researched Nevada Revised Statutes, Board of Regents policies on foundation financial reporting and other accounting standards and reported on foundation audit options. The Committee directed Chief Counsel Patterson and Assistant Vice Chancellor Cardinal to report options and criteria for foundation audit waivers at the next meeting aordsw (i)-2 c(por)31 (he)4 9 (ons)-1 JTJ 1 (he)4 ( ),oroundalor1

23. Approved-Budget & Finance Committee Recommendations (Agenda Item 22) - Chair Steve Sisolak reported the Budget & Finance Committee met February 7, 2008, and heard the following reports (*Committee report on file in the Board office*):

- Calendar year 2007 self-supporting summer school and calendar year budgets, budget-to-actual comparisons, for each NSHE university and college.
- NSHE student enrollment plans were reviewed in anticipation of future 2009-11 operating and capital budget deliberations of the Committee.
- The 2009-11 biennial budget building process and timeline for Board of Regents' action, including possible budgetary enhancement requests for the System and institutions, was discussed (*Ref. BF-7 on file in the Board office*).
- The Committee deferred action on a proposed *Handbook* revision (*Title 4, Chapter 17, Sections 18 and 19*), concerning student fees and special course fees to the next meeting (*Ref. BF-4 on file in the Board office*).

Regent Sisolak requested Board action on the following Committee recommendations:

- Minutes – The Committee recommended approval of the minutes from the November 29, 2007, Committee meeting (*Ref. BF-1 on file in the Board office*).
- Mid-Year Fiscal Year 2007-08 Self-Supporting Budgets & 2008 Summer School/Calendar Year Budgets – The Committee recommended approval of the NSHE mid-year self-supporting budgets for fiscal year 2007-08 and the self-supporting budgets and the summer school and calendar year self-supporting budgets for calendar year 2008 (*Ref. BF-2 on file in the Board office*).

Regent Sisolak moved approval of the Committee recommendations and acceptance of the report.  
Regent Rosenberg seconded. Motion carried.  
Regents Alden, Anthony and Whipple were absent.

24. Approved-Cultural Diversity & Security Committee Recommendations (Agenda Item 23) – Board Vice Chair Howard Rosenberg reported the Cultural Diversity & Security Committee met February 7, 2008. Vice Chancellor Jane Nichols presented the *2006-07 NSHE Diversity Report*, which highlights diversity-related data and trends of faculty, staff and students. The Committee discussed ways through which System efforts can positively impact and improve diversity, including the possible creation of a task force to explore, identify and recommend best practices for improvement. The Committee also received a report from Mr. Larry James, Chief of Police, University of Central Arkansas, regarding the recently completed external evaluation of TMCC's police department. Board policy provides that an external review occur at least every five years to assure effective and appropriate operations. Community college Presidents presented their institutional plans to improve campus safety. Institutional plans incorporated the recommendations of the September 2007 report by the National Association of Attorneys General Task Force on School and Campus Safety as suggested by Nevada Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto. Each campus has paid close attention to both general safety and crisis situations nationally to monitor and utilize best practices. (*Committee report on file in the Board office*).

Regent Rosenberg requested Board action on the following Committee recommendation:

- Minutes – The Committee recommended approval of the minutes from the November 29, 2007, Committee meeting (*Ref. CDS-1 on file in the Board office*).



25. Approved-Student & Academic Affairs Committee Recommendations (Agenda Item 24) – (Cont'd.)

Regent Sisolak objected to awarding the financial stipend during the current difficult economic conditions. He expressed a great deal of respect for the faculty and staff receiving these awards, but felt the cash portion should be suspended temporarily until such time that resources were not so tightly constricted. He felt the System could not afford the \$30,000 expenditure and recommended that plaques or certificates be issued.

Regent Knecht expressed his support for the monetary award, noting that it was a relatively small percentage of the overall System budget shortfall and that withholding the award would not mak4 (V(ma)6 (en)e)4 -4 (4 (V(ma)6 (en)e)4 -4 (4l .- 14 (d)-4r)3o fJ 0.0y)20b (g)1

26. Approved-Research & Economic Development Committee Recommendations - Chair Jason Geddes reported the Research & Economic Development Committee met January 31, 2008. Executive Vice Chancellor Dan Klaich provided the Committee with an update of the Walker Basin Project. A major focus of the project is increasing communication between researchers and stakeholders, specifically to better inform stakeholders of all research projects and how the sum of the research is impacting the project as a whole. Executive Vice Chancellor Klaich will bring back to the Committee a summary representation of stakeholder concerns regarding the project's impact on the Walker Basin, a financial accounting of the congressional appropriation and when ready, a communications pamphlet for the public.

26. Approved-Research & Economic Development Committee Recommendations – (Cont'd.)

Regent Sisolak stated he could not support the motion due to the monetary stipend provided for the Researcher award.

Regent Gallagher said there were some misconceptions about the role the System is taking on this project.

Regent Knecht noted that the Researcher award was less than 1/100 of 1% of the total System budget and somewhat non-material in nature.

Motion carried. Regent Sisolak voted no. Regents Alden, Anthony and Whipple were absent.

Regent Crear left the meeting.

27. Approved-Board Development Committee Recommendations - Chair James Dean Leavitt reported the Board Development Committee met January 31, 2008. The Committee (Committee report on file in the Board office):

- Reviewed and discussed the conflict of interest policies and the relevant Nevada Revised Statutes. It was expressed that a full review of these policies would be beneficial at the full Board meeting in April or June.
- Chief Counsel Patterson related that a conflict of interest disclosure form and policy are being considered by the Research & Economic Development Committee for System Administration staff.
- Discussed various options, other than the Distinguished Nevadan award, that are available to the Regents to bestow recognition and honor upon deserving members of the community. While the Board on occasion considers for approval official resolutions of the Board to recognize certain accomplishments, the Committee focused on alternatives to allow individual Regents to recognize contributions of constituents to the State of Nevada and System of Higher Education. The most viable option available to Regents was determined to be a Regent's certificate of appreciation or proclamation that could be initiated by an individual Regent without necessitating approval by the full Board. The certificate could be placed in a jacket for the cost of \$3.00, framed at a cost of



27. Approved-Board Development Committee Recommendations – (Cont'd.)

- ✓ Expansion of the Board Orientation beyond one meeting, including the expansion of the discussion of conflict of interest rules and other ethical considerations.
- ✓ A separate orientation will be scheduled with the Vice Chancellor of Finance regarding the budget and formula funding issues.
- ✓ A three-to-four day group orientation will be scheduled to allow the newly elected Regents to visit each institution and meet with its President and its faculty senate, student government and foundation leadership.
- ✓ Consideration is being made to pair a newly elected Regent with a veteran member of the Board for the purpose of an informal mentorship program.

Regent Leavitt requested Board action on the following Committee recommendation:

- Minutes – The Committee recommended approval of the minutes from the October 3, 2007, Committee meeting (*Ref. BD-1 on file in the Board office*).

Regent Leavitt moved approval of the Committee recommendations and acceptance of the report.  
Regent Gallagher seconded.

Regent Knecht observed that Regents could also personally pay for the suggested recognitions.

Motion carried. Regents Alden and Anthony were absent

28. Approved-Health Sciences System Committee Recommendations - Chair Dorothy S. Gallagher reported the Health Sciences System Committee met October 25, 2007, and covered the following items (*Committee report on file in the Board office*):

- Introductory remarks by the Committee Chairperson.
- Introduction of the new Executive Vice Chancellor for the University of Nevada Health Sciences System (*UNHSS*).
- Discussion regarding the role and mission of the Committee, the Board's Bylaws governing the Committee and other related administrative issues concerning the operations of the Committee. The Committee asked to continue this discussion in greater detail during the next Committee meeting. The Committee also requested clarity on the role of the Executive Vice Chancellor.

28. Approved-Health Sciences System Committee Recommendations – (Cont'd.)

The Health Sciences System Committee met January 30, 2008, and covered the following items:

- The Committee discussed the role and mission of the Committee and decided to defer the discussion to a future date.
- The Committee heard an update from Dr. Maurizio Trevisan regarding his initial assessment of the UNHSS and the health science programs throughout the NSHE institutions and opportunities for enhanced partnerships with internal and external stakeholders.
- Ms. Marcia Turner provided an update on the status of the development of capital improvement projects for the UNHSS and the impact of recent budget cuts and deferrals on these projects; discussions with the city of Las Vegas regarding the potential development of a building at Union Park; and discussions with the Lou Ruvo Brain Institute regarding transfer of

29. Approved-Technology Committee Recommendations - Chair Bret Whipple reported the Technology Committee met January 29, 2008, and heard discussion on the following matters (*Committee report on file in the Board office*):

- A discussion was held among Committee members and staff to update all on the status and to discuss the potential future direction of the iNtegrate project. Discussions included updates and potential future directions of: 1) the work of the student services group; 2) vendor negotiations; 3) the search for a project director; 4) financial modeling, including a discussion of the C+ implementation scenario and pilot campuses; 5) campus readiness assessments; and other matters concerning recent work on the project.
- To avoid any confusion, Executive Vice Chancellor Dan Klaich stated that, even with the reversion of \$10 million appropriated by the Legislature, the iNtegrate project is proceeding forward. Over the next 18 months, the System needs to move aggressively on implementation of the project in order to present the strongest case for appropriation



29. Approved-Technology Committee Recommendations – (Cont'd.)

Regent Whipple wondered if the vendors had been contacted regarding how much time they will require. Chief Counsel Patterson replied there was some concern by the vendors as to what is expected. He said it would be very difficult to demonstrate for the Board and that vendors would appreciate time to field questions about their product and how it will be used.

Regent Whipple suggested hearing responses from the vendors present. Chair Wixom expressed concern for having not provided public notice to the vendors appropriately. Chief Counsel Patterson suggested asking the vendors to estimate the amount of time necessary and then make a decision as to the length of the meeting.

Regent Gallagher asked whether executive summaries would be made available prior to the meeting. Chief Counsel Patterson replied that they would.

Vice Chancellor Nichols reminded the Board they would be receiving recommendations from the subcommittees formed to provide such input for the Regents. She said they would spend a great deal of time reviewing the products and providing recommendations for the Board.

30. Approved-CSN President Search Committee Recommendations – (Cont'd.)

Regent Sisolak requested Board action on the following Committee recommendations:

- Minutes – The committees recommended approval of the minutes from the October 22, 2007, Committee meeting (*Ref. CSN-1 on file in the Board office*).
- Position Announcement – The committees recommended approval of the position announcement for the President of the College of Southern Nevada.
- Position Profile - The committees recommended approval of the position profile for the CSN President.

Regent Sisolak moved approval of the Committee recommendations and acceptance of the report.  
Regent Rosenberg seconded.

In response to Regent Gallagher's question, Mr. Wasserman indicated that the consultant would be bringing five candidates to be considered for the pool of finalists.

Regent Dondero asked whether candidates were aware of the System's financial condition. Regent Sisolak replied that the consultant has spoken to most of the candidates, adding that many had questioned the System's financial condition.

Motion carried. Regents Alden and Anthony were absent.

28. Approved-Health Sciences System Committee Recommendations – (Cont'd.)

Executive Vice Chancellor Trevisan acknowledged the efforts of Dr. Jim Lenhart with the UNHSS. Chair Wixom requested that letters of appreciation be addressed to the staff that worked to bring the Layne family's gift to HSS.

31. Information Only-New Business – Chair Wixom stated that any Regent with available host funds can apply them to student fees or faculty awards and encouraged them to do so. Chair Wixom expressed his appreciation to everyone for their efforts in dealing with the challenging economic circumstances.

The meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

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