

VIDEOCONFERENCE
SPECIAL MEETING and REGENT ORIENTATION
BOARD OF REGENTS
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION
System Administration, Las Vegas
5550 W. Flamingo Road, Suite C-1, Conference Room
System Administration, Reno
2601 Enterprise Road, Conference Room
Great Basin College, Elko
Greenhaw Technical Arts (GTA) Building, Room 118
1500 College Parkway
January 21, 2011

Members Present: Mr. James Dean Leavitt, Chairman
Dr. Jason Geddes, Vice Chairman
Mr. Mark Alden
Dr. Andrea Anderson
Mr. Robert Blakely
Mr. William G. Cobb
Mr. Cedric Crear
Dr. Mark W. Doubrava
Mr. Ron Knecht
Mr. Kevin C. Melcher
Mr. Kevin J. Page
Dr. Jack Lund Schofield
Mr. Michael B. Wixom

Others Present: Mr. Daniel J. Klaich, Chancellor
Mr. Maurizio Trevisan, Executive Vice Chancellor & CEO, HSS
Dr. Jane Nichols, Vice Chancellor, Academic & Student Affairs
Mr. Bart Patterson, Vice Chancellor, Administrative & Legal Affairs
Mr. Mark Stevens, Vice Chancellor, Finance
Mr. Michael D. Richards, President, CSN
Dr. Stephen G. Wells, President, DRI
Mr. Carl A. Diekhans, President, GBC
Dr. Lesley A. Di Mare, President, NSC
Dr. Maria C. Shehan, President, TMCC
Dr. Neal J. Smatresk, President, UNLV
Dr. Milton D. Glick, President, UNR
Dr. Carol A. Lucey, President, WNC
Mr. Gerry Bomotti, UNLV
Mr. Richard Linstrom, UNLV

Chairman James Deabevitt called the meeting to order at 11:06 a.m. with all members present except Regent Schofield.

1. Information Only Welcome from the Chairman Chairman James Dean Leavitt provided opening remarks

Chairman Leavitt welcomed the new Regents Mark W. Doubrava and Kevin C. Melcher. He felt it was exciting to have additional members with such fine credentials. Chairman Leavitt requested that each Regent offer some insight that might help Regent Doubrava and Regent Melcher

Chairman Leavitt commended to always remember that Regents are easily recognized – so it is best to keep in mind that Regents are representatives of the Nevada System of Higher Education.

Regent Alders suggested reading the material to become familiar with the Nevada Revised Statutes to ask questions and to follow up.

Regent Anderson recommended reaching out to staff, presidents and fellow Regents because their advice is solid. Read the material and believe in yourself as a Regent.

Regent Wixom observed that public service is a unique undertaking; a privilege and a trust. The opportunity can be challenging at times, but it is an experience to be appreciated. He felt it is important to remember this from time to time. There can be mountains of information, and sometimes mountains of problems, but having the task of serving the public in this way is a privilege – especially in education.

Regent Cobb agreed that to do the job properly the materials must be read. He felt privileged to work with the Board any of whom he can call upon for their comments and interpretation on various subjects. The Board is cooperative, amicable and works hard to reach common goals.

Regent Blakely felt it best to listen when attending the first few meetings and

3. Information Only Institutional President Introduction and Remarks (continued)

bring students into the College. WNC goes to the high schools to advise students about attending college.

Dr. Lucey presented a series of graphs (on file in the Board office). She stated that the first graph indicated the percent of total service area of high school graduates attending WNC for the summer and fall term following graduation which

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3. Information Only Institutional President Introduction and Remarks (continued)

University. President Wells is proud that UNR, UNLV and DRI are classified in the top 50 in the nation in the environmental sciences.

President Wells continued that DRI is appreciated for taking basic science and applying it in a meaningful way. DRI brings value to education and is known for integrity and an unbiased approach. Through UNLV and UNR there are 50 faculty who teach and advise 55 to 70 graduate students supported with \$1.7 million of DRI's money. DRI also occasionally teaches at NSC and the community colleges. President Wells reported that DRI has partnered with NV Energy to solicit tax deductible money that goes into a pool for DRI to reach out to K12 students to promote green energy science, and living practices that are sustainable and built around green practice. There are almost 100 schools that participate.

President Wells stated that there are now 47 invention disclosures, 26 issued patents and five license agreements. This is mature in the process and is a great start. DRI is actually turning out some new businesses in clean energy and bioinformatics.

President Wells mentioned that during the Iraqi war there was a problem with the M-16 rifles firing. DRI was asked, because of their relationship with the Department of Defense, to inspect them. DRI determined that the chemistry of the dust in Iraq, combined with the chemistry of the lubricant used in the rifles, created a malfunction. DRI prepared a report, with West Point, which has moved forward to hopefully change how the Department of Defense tests their equipment.

Regent Schofield was curious if other funding models throughout the country followed the same procedure as DRI. President Wells said that most of the other institutions separated from higher education and became independent. By being in the NSHE, DRI faculty has the opportunity to teach and participate with students.

Mr. Gerry Bomotti, Senior Vice President, Finance and Business, UNLV, reported that he is representing Dr. Neal J. Smart, President, UNLV, who is recuperating from minor surgery.

Mr. Bomotti said that UNLV is a comprehensive research university that began in 1957. It is now in its 54th year with approximately 29,000 students offering a wide variety of programs. There is a relatively new dental school and a fairly new law school. Many UNLV programs have been nationally recognized in rank, such as the law school, the writing program in the English Department, the Educational Psychology Program and a host of others.

Mr. Bomotti reported that recent support came from a successful \$500 million capital campaign.

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3. Information Only Institutional President Introduction and Remarks (continued)

Regent Blakely asked about students that transfer. President Sheehan said the transfer rate is over 25%. Regent Blakely pointed out that a significant factor in the graduation numbers is transfers to other institutions.

Mr. Carl A. Diekhans, President, GBC, said that because of the short transient teachers in rural Nevada in the early 1990's, GBC went forward to the Board of Regents and the Legislature and was granted permission to develop a professional studies degree. This allowed GBC

- 4. Information Only Duties and Responsibilities of System Administration Staff and Board of Regents' Staff The Chancellor, System Administration staff and Board of Regents' staff provided information on the operations of their respective departments.

Mr. Scott Wasserman, CEO and Special Counsel to the Board, reported that at a separate meeting with the new Regents, the oath of office was performed and the orientation manual, including the bylaws of the Regent, Regent responsibilities, a list of the NSHE institutions and the mission statement were discussed. They also met with Mr. Bart Patterson, Vice Chancellor, Administrative & Legal Affairs, Mr. Mark Stevens, Vice Chancellor, Finance, and Regent Mark Alden.

Mr. Wasserman introduced the Board staff and their responsibilities. He continued that in addition to the committees he staffs, he also provides legal advice in the areas of the Open Meeting Law, conflict of interest issues and public records. There will be discussions regarding redistricting where he will provide legal advice as well as operating the software to draw up plans.

Chancellor Klaich introduced the Chancellor's Cabinet: Dr. Jane Nichols, Vice Chancellor, Academic & Student Affairs; Mr. Mark Stevens, Vice Chancellor, Finance; Mr. Bart Patterson, Vice Chancellor, Administrative & Legal Affairs; Ms. Marilyn Delmont, Interim Vice Chancellor, Information Technology; Dr. Maurizio Trevisan, CEO and Executive Vice Chancellor, Health Sciences System; Dr. Marcia Turner, Vice Chancellor of Operations/COO, Health Sciences System, who will be a lobbyist at this legislative session and Mr. Scott Wasserman, CEO and Special Counsel to the Board.

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5. Approved Acquisition of Property Located at 4570 S. Maryland Parkway UNLV
– The Board moved approval for UNLV to purchase a .75 acre parcel of land located at 4570 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas for \$960,000, with the caveat that if the appraisal comes in any figure lower than \$960,000, the approval is void and, if the Environmental Impact Report has any questions or issues that would require follow-up, the approval is void; that the Chancellor be granted authority to approve, after consultation with the Chair of the Investment and Facilities Committee, the final purchase once due diligence requirements have been completed and reviewed and the Chancellor makes a determination that the purchase price is supported by the appraisal (Ref. BOR-5 on file in the Board office).

Mr. Bomotti reported that this piece of property has been in UNLV's Master Plan, which was approved by the Board. The purchase price is \$960,000 for approximately .75 acres which includes a 4,115 square foot building.

Mr. Bomotti added that adjoining the .75 acre property immediately east is another 1.25 acres where the police department has a long lease. While it is not owned by UNLV, it could potentially be a link as a key entry to the campus and part of the midtown development vision.

Mr. Bomotti indicated that UNLV

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Regent Alden appreciated the codicils added to the motion, but felt that most of commercial real estate was down. He was not familiar with the Criterion Group and was concerned by the acquisition price of \$960,000 for .75 acre. He felt the purchase should be pursued cautiously.

Regent Crear asked how the \$960,000 price was determined. Mr. Bomotti responded that was the bid price. It is very difficult in the present economic environment to get precise values on property almost anywhere. Along Maryland Parkway in 2006-2007, the land only without building was selling between \$80 per square foot and \$100 per square foot. The reasonable value for the 4,115 square foot building is approximately \$60 per square foot with the land value at approximately \$21 per square foot. There was an initial offer several years ago for \$4.4 million that fell through on this parcel. The drop in price is what is being seen in this area of town.

Regent Crear asked how contact was made with the seller. Mr. Bomotti said that UNLV had an agent make the offer – the seller was not aware that the agent was dealing on behalf of UNLV until after the property amount was agreed upon. Regent Crear understood that the purchase was time sensitive. Mr. Bomotti explained that the opportunity arose over the December 2010, holidays. The agreement was to try to close before February 10, 2011. If the criteria are met the deal will fall through. If the criteria are met UNLV will move forward on the closing.

Regent Schofield left the meeting.

5. Approved Acquisition of Property Located at 4570 S. Maryland Parkway
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Regent Crew would feel uncomfortable giving approval based on what the outcome of the appraisal and Environmental Impact Report might be. He would not want this to move forward if the benchmarks are not met. Mr. Bomotti said that if the title is not clear, if the Environmental Impact Report shows any concerns, if the appraisal does not meet the \$960,000, the Regents' approval is void and so TJ 0 Tcd

